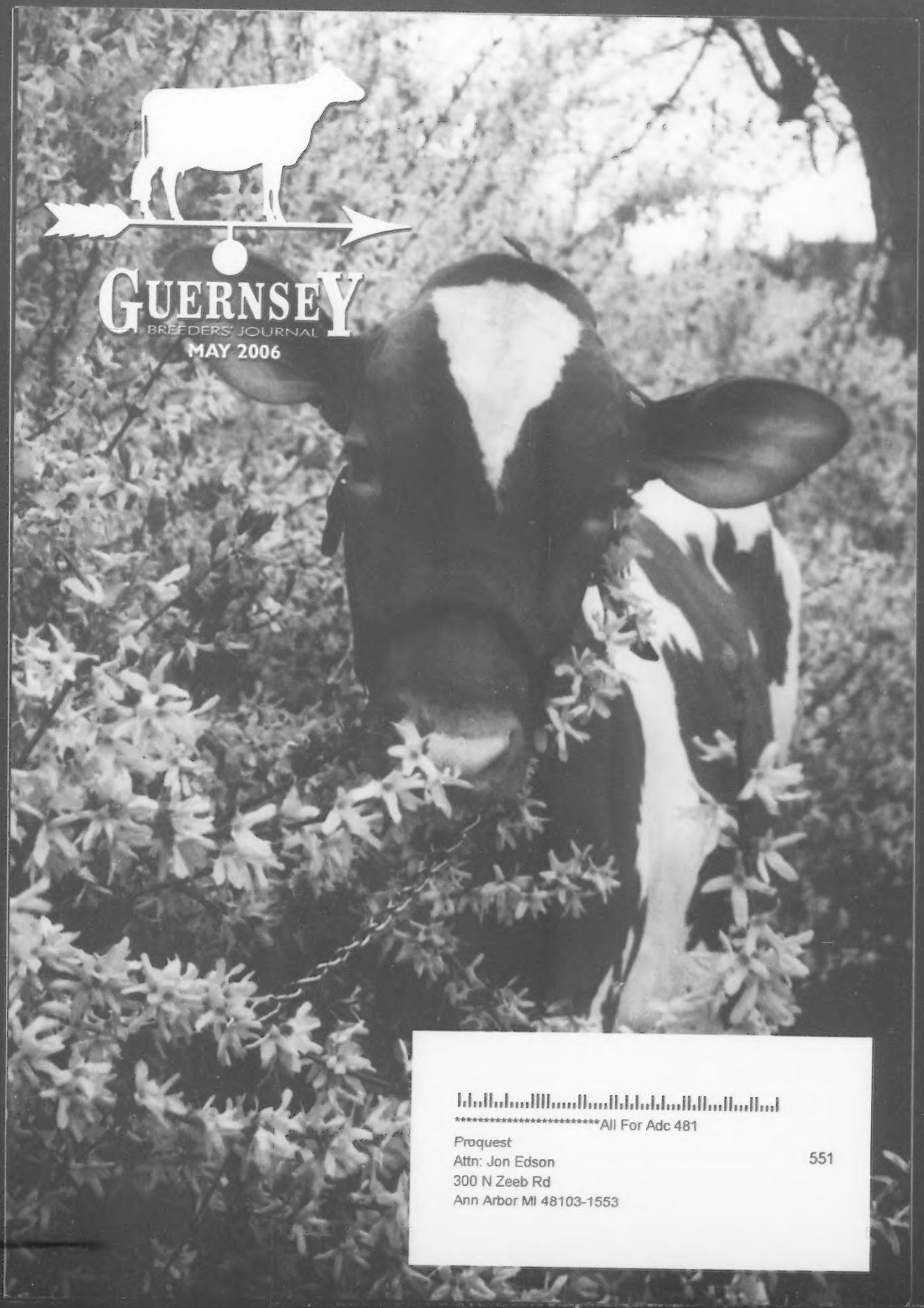

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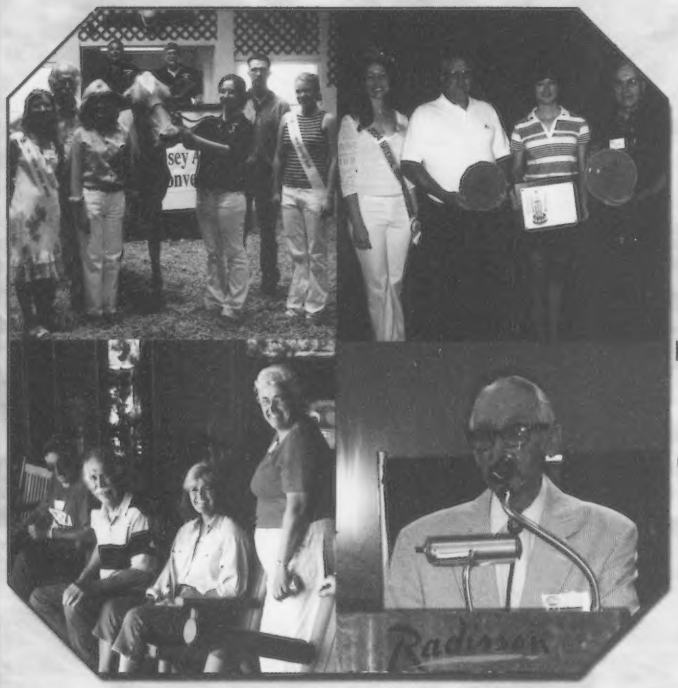

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The National Convention Sale
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This lovely group of Guernsey heifers is from For-Lou Farms in Greenfield, Ind, one of the many farms you have the opportunity to tour while at the National Convention this June. *For more on these farms turn to page 7.*

ON THE COVER

The colors of spring! Alicia McDonald of Imler, Pa. captured this picture of Pine Grove Luxury Index in her forsythia bushes.

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Golden Focus

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Lots of actual work is accomplished at the National Convention - committees meet, decisions are made and cattle are sold. However, it's all that happens in between the work that I want you to come to convention to see and be a part of. The National Guernsey Convention truly is an enjoyable activity for all involved. We like nothing better than to welcome a newcomer to the convention. Each year, those that have never attended before remark to me how much they have enjoyed themselves and how they have been welcomed by the rest of the Guernsey breeders.

Each year a state organization plans and executes a National Convention. 95% of the work is accomplished by the state running the convention. Even your AGA office staff basically just shows up and runs meetings. Each year it is gratifying to see a group of AGA members band together to plan an event that amazes and excites attendees. While plans are well underway for the 2007 convention, 2008 and 2009 remain available for any state that is interested in hosting Guernsey enthusiasts from all over the world. Contact the AGA office for more details on this exciting opportunity.

One of my favorite aspects of the convention is the youth contest day. I find that I always leave the speech contests amazed that our young people developed such quality and well-thought-out speeches – and then got up in front of a crowd of people to deliver them. It makes me think back to activities that I participated in as a child. I attended only one National Breed convention myself (Ayrshire), yet I still remember every aspect of it, from the thrill of seeing and visiting farms I had previously only read about, to participating in the quiz bowl finals. These activities will leave a lifelong impression on our youth – I know there will be many of us at the convention that will work to make sure it is a very positive one. Several of our Junior Members have been working hard this year to help lend more formal organization to the Junior membership. As you will read later in this issue, plans are well underway to make this happen and the final process will conclude at the convention this year.

Don't forget the Youth Auction! Bring a Guernsey item to donate and come prepared to bid on lots of items that can often be found only at this event. The AGA Youth Programs rely on this auction to raise the bulk of their operating funds each year.

There will be several informative seminars on Sunday afternoon. John Ayars has picked another hot-button topic to discuss this year – National Show judging. John always provides ample entertainment as well as plenty of thought-provoking discussion. We get together because we need to hear ideas from every viewpoint and John certainly has a way of getting people to speak up!

As always, the Golden Guernsey Committee will meet to discuss the future of Guernsey-branded products – we have two operations in the final planning stages of labeling their dairy products as Golden Guernsey. The AGA Young Sire groups – United and Dairybelt – will meet to chart their course for the next year, with a good dose of debate on which sires to use thrown in. The Show Committee will meet to plan another slate of exciting National Guernsey Shows. The Genetic Improvement Committee will be meeting to discuss adding more factors into the PTI/CPI formula. Anything sound interesting? All of these meetings are open to any member and we welcome any input we can get.

We are truly excited about the sale line-up for the National Convention Sale. We have scoured the country to find the absolute best animals. Nothing is compromised – only those that have a strong pedigree that backs up their good looks are accepted. We are happy to be able to present the cattle for your viewing pleasure right outside the hotel this year.

Convention Farm Tours Preview

Phil & Ruthie Sparks of For Lou Farm will be your hosts on Thursday, June 22nd

For Lou Farms
Phil & Ruthie Sparks, Greenfield, IN

For Lou Farms is located right next to I-70 – a wayward cow once found her way onto the highway but thankfully returned safely. Phil, "the REAL dairyman" runs the farm with his wife, Ruthie, a full time elementary teacher, farm record keeper, gopher and full-time support staff. Their daughter, Amanda Oliver, who now lives in Oklahoma, and serves as their personal nutritionist. The current herd consists of 26 cows and 21 heifers, all Registered Guernseys. The most recent test showed an average per cow of 52.5# and a rolling herd average of 14,996M 4.5% 679F 3.2% 477P.

Forest and Louise Sparks purchased the land for For Lou Farm in 1936. The bank barn currently in use was built in 1946. The first registered Guernsey was purchased in 1948 for Phil's 4-H project. From that time, the For Lou herd has had only registered Guernseys. Forest and Phil milked about 40 cows. Phil maintained that number until after Adam and Amanda went to college. He now keeps his herd around 25 cows. Indianapolis is growing toward the farm, so expansions are unlikely in the present location. Phil and his sister Dolores were both very active in 4-H. The 4-H commitment has continued with Dolores' children, Jeff and Darlene Kessler, then Phil and Ruthie's children, Adam and Amanda; and currently Ruthie's great nieces and nephews, Curt, Eric, Lee, Krista and Becca Beaman; and Phil's cousins, Ashley, Lori and Kelly Beeker, relying on For Lou Guernseys for show stock. Being just 20 minutes from downtown Indianapolis has provided many opportunities for Phil to be a representative of the dairy industry through appearances on radio and TV newscasts concerning the care of dairy animals and providing proper nutrition in times of stress, such as periods of extreme heat; and host for tours of foreign agri-businessmen. Both Adam and Amanda have chosen agriculture as their careers. Adam has a BS from Purdue University in agronomy and is currently pursuing an MS/PhD in Plant Pathology at Kansas State University. Amanda has a BS and MS in Animal Science from Oklahoma State University and her PhD in Animal Nutrition from the University of Nebraska.

When discussing breeding, Phil says, "Don't put all your milk in one bucket, sample different bulls." He is currently using Neon, Spider, Glacier and Lewis. He lists a favorite cow as For Lou Farms J Crystal, a good little cow in her twelfth lactation. Many of the herd with names beginning with "C" are from Crystal's lineage. The all-time herd favorite was For Lou Farms Fay Orpha, whom Adam showed as Grand Champion at the Jr. and Open NAILE shows and was the All-American three-year-old in 1992. She never produced any daughters, but three good bulls were raised out of her, the first being a Protein King son named Oakley.

Lanas Place Guernseys
Mark & Gail Loveless, Cromwell, IN

Mark and Gail Loveless own and operate Lana's Place Guernseys with the addition of only some summer help for hay work. Gail grew up in New York City, but is certainly a true convert to farm life.

The original farm was purchased by Mark's grandfather in 1933, with the first Guernsey appearing in about 1937 as a show heifer for Mark's father. In the late 1940s, he started a registered Guernsey herd. That herd was dispersed in 1985. The current herd started in 1983, with a single heifer from Kenneth Peake's Claravale Guernsey herd in California. Her name was Lana, and is the source of our farm name 'Lana's Place'. Mark and Gail went into the dairy business full time in 1995. The herd sources from all over the US with significant numbers tracing back to California, Oregon, and Washington.

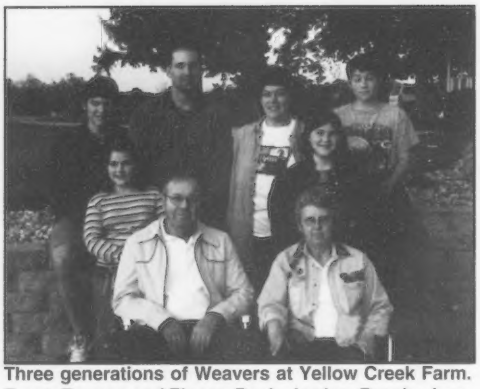
The milking herd currently consists of 41 Guernseys, four crossbreeds in Genetic Recovery and 2 Holsteins. The heifer herd numbers 39 Guernseys and one crossbreed in Genetic Recovery. The herd averaged 15,277M 4.3% 654F 3.2% 494P with an appraisal average of 80.4 points as of October 2005.

The Loveless' prefer to enter the winter with 90-95 head on the farm, for easier upkeep. Late last year, they sold 10 animals to Dale and Stanley Chupp, and they moved to Oklahoma. Selling a few animals in the fall might become a regular occurrence.

Mark summarizes the breeding philosophy of the farm this way: "We stick to several bulls that I like, and sons of those bulls. Udder composition is emphasized more than anything else. We have kept and collected some bulls of our own featuring outcross sires that didn't see much activity in young sire programs, and are currently using Mineshaft and Special as well. Our best young cows are out of Amadeus (our own Captain x Perfecto bull) and Deemand. We define genetic progress as a cow that milks better, looks better, and lasts longer than her dam. We plan to maintain our numbers where they are, and continue our version of genetic progress using whatever bulls we think will achieve this goal."

Fourteen cows and twelve heifers in the herd trace back maternally to Kenneth Peake's Claravale Guernsey farm. Twenty-three of these trace back maternally to one cow - Claravale E Molly Rose. All of our

A tour of Lanas Place Guernseys, owned by Mark & Gail Loveless, is available Saturday morning.



Three generations of Weavers at Yellow Creek Farm. Front: Truman and Elnora. Back: Jordan, Brooke, Lonnie, Lisa, Lorae and Scott.

animals that have the "Rose" surname are part of this family. An additional five cows and seven heifers trace paternal lines to Claravale E Molly Rose through our Lana's Place Velour Yancy bull. Yancy's dam was Claravale Yellow Rose of Texas, EX-91, and one of our all-time favorite cows. Two sisters from the Lewis Van Mersbergen herd, Amber and Adelle, left us bulls that we like: Amadeus (Captain x Perfecto) and Adelbert (Sentry x Smokey).

Yellow Creek Farm, Lonnie & Lisa Weaver & Family, Goshen, IN

In 1865, Truman Weaver's maternal great-grandfather purchased Yellow Creek Farm and moved there when his son was five years old. This makes Truman and his son Lonnie the fourth and fifth generations on this centennial farm. Truman's father, Oscar, purchased his first registered Guernsey in 1928. In 1931, he was married and later bought Nancy Hanks of Silver Maples as a bred heifer. After dropping three heifer calves, she was consigned to the Golden Guernsey Classic at Columbus, Ohio, where she was purchased by Normandy Farm. She made 20,074M and 1,087F, and became the first Guernsey to make over 20,000M and 1000F in Indiana. Several sons and grandsons of Nancy's daughter were used as herd sires, concentrating her genetics in the early years. The herd has earned the Gold Star Herd award 35 times, bred 110 Excellent cows, 37 Gold Star Dams, and 126 National Class Leaders. 74 Yellow Creek sires have entered AI service. On Jan. 1, 2002 the operation was passed on to Lonnie, with his wife Lisa and children Jordan,15, Scott,13, Lorae,10, and Brooke,7.

These days Truman is mainly in charge of breeding the cows and feeding the young stock. He also helps out often with fieldwork. His wife, Elnora, is often the one that runs to town for that farm equipment part or cow medicine that was needed an hour ago. She also helps the family with the upkeep of the farm. Lonnie is the main milker. Lisa, Jordan and Scott help out in this area also. Lonnie also is in charge of the feeding program. Along with helping to milk whenever needed, Lisa also keeps the records and pays the bills for the farm. In addition to family help, Steve Gongwer is the main relief milker along with a few neighbors that can be called upon when needed. Steve not only helps out in the barn, he also keeps breeding-age heifers at his farm and feeds them until they calve.

The herd is made up of approximately 70 Guernseys, 20 Holsteins, 12 Crosses and 6 Ayrshires. There are also about 70 heifers on the ground. The herd averages are as follows: Guernsey - 18,200M; Crosses - 24,838M; Holsteins - 23,000M.

In the spring of 2005, a fully automated double six parlor was installed. Before that they had been milking in a double-8 flat parlor that had been converted from a stanchion barn. In 2003 Lonnie started being a little more intensive with the grazing program. Instead of turning them out into a dry lot every summer, 5 smaller paddocks were planted with a mixture of grasses. It has worked very well.

At the moment, Lewis, Banger, Glacier, Neon, Skipper, and Tiller are the mating sires in the herd. The farm is also involved in the Young Sire Program. Some of their favorite cows from the past are: Yellow Creek Choice Blossom (broke the world record for milk in 1984) and Pleasant Hill Choice Carmel (many of her bulls entered AI service). The current herd favorite is Yellow Creek RO Cari (in the top 20 on the CPI list with a son at Select).

Future plans include continuing to work at keeping costs down. One way is by introducing the herd to rotational grazing. The Weavers just started using a farm records program through DHIA on the farm computer that will help them make more educated and informed decisions. And, as always, the Weavers will continue to work at producing high component Guernseys.

The Franks Family of Fra Hib Farm are one of the optional tours on Saturady.

Fra-Hib Dairy Farm T.J. & Sharon Franks, Wawaka, IN

Tom Franks started the Guernsey herd at Fra Hib Farm in 1951. He actually purchased his first Guernsey calf in 1932 as a 4-H project. At least one member of that cow family remains in the herd today. Tom, 85, still owns Fra-Hib Dairy Farm while his son, Thomas (TJ), owns the cows and machinery. Their partnership began in 1972, when 30 additional tie-stalls were added to the barn along with a pair of Harvestores. Sharon helps on the farm and is a kitchen manager for a local school. Their son Jonathan, 23, is a Semex sales representative in Green Bay, Wisconsin, and their daughter, Stephanie, 27, is a 4th grade teacher in South Carolina.

31 Registered Guernseys and 20 Registered Holsteins

Villa Crest Fame Venture took home the Junior Champion rosette at both NGS-Madison and Harrisburg this year. She went on to be named Unanimous All-American Summer Yearling. She is pictured here at World Dairy Expo with Marlys on the halter.

make up the current herd. The Guernseys average 15,959M, 708F and 510P.

TJ is currently using Skipper and Royalty heavily in the herd and has plans to implement rotational grazing in 2007.

Several famous cows have called Fra Hib Farm home over the years. Fra Hib Topcat Saphire, EX-92, was sold in the Kentucky National Sale and was named Grand Champion at the National Show in Columbus in 1975. A pair of maternal sisters were sold to Maplehurst Farm in Ontario in the late 70's. Fra Hib Fayvors Flame, EX-94, was Grand Champion at the Royal Winter Fair and Fra Hib T H Faith, EX-93, is the fourth dam of Maplehurst Hopeful, EX-95.

Fra Hib Jamie Paulette, VG-88, is a current herd favorite. She has over 180,000M lifetime and is backed by a VG-85 dam with over 165,000M. Her Tiller daughter will sell in the National Sale. Fra Hib Rascal Sportie, EX-90, has also excelled recently for Jonathan. She made over 28,000M and 1,200F and was nominated Jr. All-American three years in a row, including being named Jr. All-American Sr. Two-Year-Old in 2001.

Villa Crest Farm, Verl, Gretchen & Marlys Weaver, Goshen, IN

Villa Crest Farm was originally started by Virgil Weaver. Today Verl and his wife Gretchen operate the farm with help from their children. Marlys, 18, will be attending Purdue University in the fall. Son Chris and his wife Hannah will be moving back to live on the farm soon with the intent of helping part time. Son Jeff and his wife Anne are musicians residing in Bowling Green, Ohio. The herd originated from three young daughters of Green Meadow Ambler purchased from Pennsylvania. Villa Crest Financier was a bull that laid the groundwork for today's herd and was used in AI service from some time as well. He is a son of Villa Crest Kings Fancy, the "mother of Villa Crest." Virgil used line-breeding to concentrate the genetics of the best cows in the herd. Verl has continued his father's breeding philosophy, using many homebred bulls along with a mix of AI sires. Currently there is a group of Villa Crest Lea Ian daughters in the herd, along with younger cows sired by Villa Crest P Fame (Prime x Faye EX-90), Villa Crest GH Director (Grand Henry x Dottie EX-90) Mar Ral Royal Mentor (Royal Oak x Majestic EX-94), and a pair of newer sires, Villa Crest Kane (Falconier x Kate EX-91) and Villa Crest Masterpiece (Masterpiece x Anne EX-93).

Recent herd favorites include:

Villa Crest Falcons Faye, EX-90, who made a class-leading record of 4-06 365D 36,600M 5.2% 1,915F 3.6% 1,307P and is out of an EX-92 dam.

Villa Crest I Anne, EX-93, who was Grand Champion of the NJS-Madison in 2002 for Marlys and has been nominated All-American several times. All four of her records are over 1,000F.

Mar Ral Royal Martha, EX-93, was Reserve All-American in 2005 and Honorable Mention in 2004. She is a full sister to Mentor and made over 27,000M last year.

Villa Crest Fames Venture was Junior Champion at Harrisburg and Madison in 2005 and was named All-American in 2005. She is due around convention time.

Villa Crest has been named Premier Breeder and Exhibitor at the Indiana State Fair many times and enjoy exhibiting at a couple National Shows each year, especially since Marlys has become more active with the show string. The current RHA is 20,260M 919F and 692P. The 50 cows are milked in a tie-stall barn but usually have access to both pasture and freestalls.

In addition to the Villa Crest cows, visitors will be able to view the maternal family that produced Mentor, owned by Ralph and Martha Turley, as well as a group of cows owned by Lynn Battershell.

Road Recollections

Brian Schnebly

One of the most important factors in the improvement and development of the Guernsey breed is the selection of young sires for inclusion in our programs. It is so important that we make the proper mating to our best cows so we can make the best possible bulls available for the genetic advancement of the breed. There are a number of factors that we consider when choosing young sires to use in sampling programs. These include butterfat and protein percent, udder depth, strength, udder attachments, and diversity of the pedigree. The latter of these is something I would like to explain briefly. In past years we have been guilty of sampling many bulls out of one cow family and even more of an issue has been the sampling of two or more full brothers out of a particular cow. I would say that sampling full brothers has been the basis of most of the complaints I have received in recent years regarding our sampling program. I do believe it is okay to sample more than one bull out of a particular cow, but they should have different sires so we do not limit our genetic pool.

I feel that in the last two or three years we have been doing a much better job getting variation in the sires we are sampling. For example, the last seven bulls to be accepted by our two young sire groups have been sired by seven different sires. These sires are Holiday, Royal Oak, Les, Lewis, Neon, Banger, and Legacy. All seven of these young sires are out of different cows and, for three of these cow families, this is the first bull they have placed into A.I. I think these results show that we are definitely working in the right direction to diversify our genetic pool.

Many of you are probably thinking, "Well, I have a great cow and I cannot understand why no one is ever interested in a son out of her?" Placing a bull into the A.I. industry can sometimes be a tricky process because it does take good timing, the proper mating, and sometimes a little bit of luck. To me the hardest part of the process is making the right mating and the timing that goes with that mating. For example, everyone knows how popular Tiller has been and the job he has done throughout the country. However, at this point we probably will not sample any more Tiller sons because we already have what we feel is enough in our programs. So, there will probably be an outstanding Tiller son or two that will be left out.

What should we be mating our potential bull mothers to now? Of the bulls on the February 2006 Active A.I. list, I would say the bulls most likely to make sires of sons will be Skipper, Royalty, and Challenge. There is always the possibility of sampling a son or two out of a high profile young sire as well, but that depends on the mating. By fall this list of bulls will most likely be replaced by a new list, proving that the window of opportunity is sometimes very small.

Every few months I send a group of pedigrees on potential young sires out to the Board of Directors for the two young sire groups, Dairybelt and United. In addition I mail these pedigrees to the representatives from each A.I. organization that I work with in proving young sires. If you have a son of one of your great cows that you feel may be a candidate for sampling, please let me know right away so that I can include his pedigree in my next mailing.

Curious if there are more like Jenna Rose?

GR-Lanas Place Yancy Jenna Rose, EX-92
High Seller '04 National Convention Sale

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We're sending two of our favorites by Regis & Deemand to the Convention Sale ~ look for them!

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Happy Daze

Happy "Daze" are ahead when you bid last on our Royalty x Daze embryos in the National Convention Sale.

◂ Sniders Sharp Daze, EX-91
6-11 365D 30,720M 4.1% 1,256F 3.3% 1,010P
HM Jr. All-American Aged Cow 2004
Nom. All-American Aged Cow 2004

G'Dam: Sniders Fayettes Dazzle, EX-91
7-05 305D 19,260M 4.5% 860F 3.2% 618P
Lifetime: 107,390M 4.5% 4,808F 3.6% 3,821P
Jr. All-American Nominee 1995 & 1997
HM All-American Sr. Yearling 1994

3rd Dam: Sniders Captains Delila, EX-91
Lifetime: 105,550M 4.9% 5,210F 3.7% 3,905P
2nd Aged Cow NGS-Harrisburg 1991

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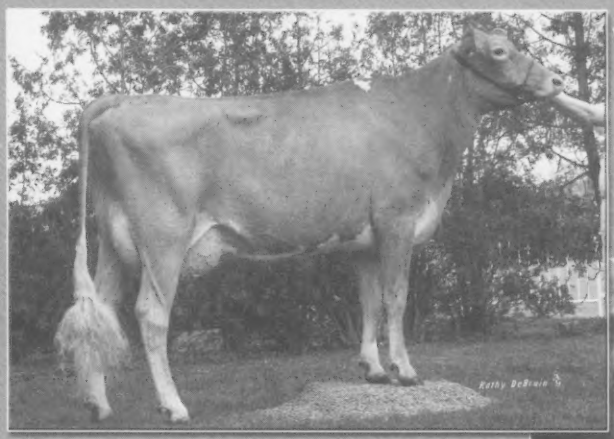
Two To Convention

Two of our best heifers are headed to Indy for the National Convention Sale, June 26



Ripley Farms G Conni Rose-ET, VG-88 (90/91)
ME: 25,400M ~ +5731M above herdmates
Sire: Land of Living P Garrett-ET

1 *A "Special" Fall Calf*

Sire: Jens Gold Regis Z Special-ET
Dam: Low Brook Goldfoot Conny, EX-90
2-00 365D 3X 29,014M 4.1% 1,193F 3.1% 903P
4-01 365D 3X 28,686M 4.6% 1,392F 3.3% 958P
Dam of Rose & Delight, as well as:
Ripley Farms G Conni Kate-ET, VG-86 (87/90)
Ripley Farms R Connie Lou-ET, VG-85 (85/83)

Ripley Farms RO Coni Delight-ET
1st Intermediate Calf NGS-Harrisburg
HM All-American Intermediate Calf '05

Our Royalty...

Ripley Farms Royalty Basil, VG-87 (91MS)
ME: 22,065M ~ +3207M above herdmates
Sire: Ripley Farms R Oak Royalty-ET

2 *From the Kuku family:*

Ripley Farms Royalty Kortina
Born: 10/12/2005
PA: +1282M -.03% +52F -.06% +32P
+269CM$ +281NM$ PTAT +1.4 PTI +188
Sire: Ripley Farms R Oak Royalty
Dam: Riverwood Regis Kizzy-ET, VG-81@2-04
ME: 26,594M ~ +7,396M above herdmates
Next Dam: Riverwood Glacier Kuku, VG-88
Gold Star Dam - 2002
4-02 305D 20,620M 5.7% 1,184F 3.5% 727P
5-11 304D 21,700M 5.7% 1,240F 3.6% 774P
6-11 305D 23,910M 4.4% 1,047F 3.8% 905P
LTD: 110,020M 5.2% 5,773F 3.7% 4,118P
A top-ten CPI cow for several years, currently #8
Next two dams both VG and over 3.9%P

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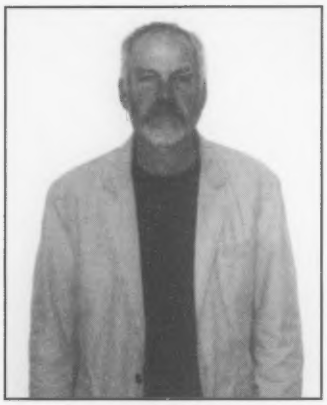
A Word From Your Director



Forest Keefer

On behalf of the board of directors and the Indiana Guernsey Breeders Association, I would like to issue an enthusiastic invitation for all to attend the upcoming National Guernsey Convention and Sale in Indianapolis, Indiana. Indianapolis was also the site of the National Convention in 1967. I hope people will enjoy a look back at that convention of thirty-nine years ago. I have not identified, and indeed do not recognize, some of the people in these photographs. There is no contest here as with the Great Cows of the West, but try to figure out who all these great Guernsey people are.

That 1967 convention was the first national convention for me. The month was May, so most schools were still in session. Several Guernsey youth from my county were students at Purdue University. Karen and Tom Franks (Fra-Hib Farm) and probably Mike Loveless (Wawasee Farm) and myself made the trip over to Indianapolis from Purdue. It was a long time ago and memories dim. I apologize to Mike if I got that wrong.

Convention attendees will recall the mini Indy 500 race staged exclusively for Guernsey folk. The four drivers were Mario Andretti, A. J. Foyt, Roger McClusky and Johnny Rutherford. The race was a nail-biter and ended in a four-way tie.

IGBA's executive secretary in 1967, Robert Jones, provided the photographs. Many thanks to Bob.

See you in Indianapolis!

2006 National Guernsey Convention Schedule

Wednesday, June 21
3:00 p.m. Registration table open
3:00 p.m. Hospitality area open
3:00 p.m. Craft & Exhibit Set-up

Thursday, June 22
Registration & Hospitality open – All day
Breakfast on own
7:00 a.m. Board Buses for Tour
4:00 p.m. Youth Committee Meeting
6:30 p.m. Beef & Boards Dinner Theater
7:00 p.m. Youth Pool & Pizza Party

Friday, June 23
Registration & Hospitality open - All day
Breakfast on own
7:00 a.m. Queen Contest Orientation
7:30 a.m. Quiz Bowl Orientation
8:00 a.m. Sr. Quiz Bowl Contest
8:00 a.m. Jr. Quiz Bowl Contest
8:00 a.m. Guernsey Foundation Meeting
8:00 a.m. Resolution Committee Meeting
10:00 a.m. Golden Guernsey Comm. Mtg.
12:00 p.m. Lunch
2:00 p.m. Genetic Improvement Comm. Mtg.
2:00 p.m. Type Committee Meeting
2:00 p.m. Youth Public Speaking Contest
3:30 p.m. Extemporaneous Speech Contest
4:00 p.m. Show Committee Open Forum
5:00 p.m. Show Committee Meeting
5:00 p.m. Queen Contest Interviews
5:30 p.m. Outstanding Youth Interviews
5:30 p.m. Scholarship Interviews
7:00 p.m. Welcome To Indiana Banquet

Saturday, June 24
Registration & Hospitality open – All day
Breakfast on own
7:00 a.m. Buses depart for Northern Indiana

Sunday, June 25
Registration & Hospitality open until banquet
8:30 a.m. Church Service
9:30 a.m. AGA Awards Breakfast
11:30 a.m. Dairybelt Guernsey Sires Mtg.
Lunch on own
12:00 p.m. Youth Water Park
1:00 p.m. United Guernsey Genetics Mtg.
2:00 p.m. Seminars
2:00 p.m. AGA Board Meeting
5:00 p.m. Youth Banquet

Monday, June 26
Registration & Hospitality open till 11a.m.
Breakfast on own.
8:00 a.m. AGA Annual Meeting followed by Open Forum
8:00 a.m. Youth Annual Meeting
10:00 a.m. AGA Board Reorganizational Mtg.
11 – 1 Sale Luncheon
1:00 p.m. National Convention Sale

National Convention Registration Form

Guernseys Racing to Indy – June 2006

Name(s): _____ Age: _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

Farm Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: (____) _____ E-mail: _____

Persons in party willing to judge Youth contests on Friday: _____

	Early Registration (May 15)	Late Registration	Number Attending	Total $
Thursday, June 22				
Tour of Dow AgroScience, Speedway, - No Late Registration				
Elanco, For-Lou Farm & Lunch	$36.00	N/A	_____	_____
Youth Pool & Pizza Party – Must have ticket				
	Free	$5.00	_____	_____
Beef & Board's Dinner Theater (Oliver)	$37.00	N/A	_____	_____
Friday, June 23				
Lunch	$23.00	$28.00	_____	_____
Welcome To Indy Dinner	$28.00	$33.00	_____	_____
Saturday, June 24				
Northern Indiana Tours ***(Please select one)***				
4 Farms, Lunch & Dinner				
12 years of age and over	$53.00	$58.00	_____	_____
11 years of age and under	$43.00	$48.00	_____	_____
or				
Shopping, 2 Farms & Dinner (Lunch on own)				
12 years of age and over	$45.00	$50.00	_____	_____
11 years of age and under	$35.00	$40.00	_____	_____
Sunday, June 25				
Awards Breakfast	$15.00	$20.00	_____	_____
Youth Water Park	$ 5.00	$15.00	_____	_____
Youth Banquet	$30.00	$40.00	_____	_____
Monday, June 26				
Sale Luncheon	$23.00	$28.00	_____	_____

Total Amount: $_____

Call the Holiday Inn North, 3850 DePauw Blvd., Indianapolis, IN 46268, direct 317-872-9790 to reserve your room. Room rates for the convention are guaranteed through **May 15th** at: $105.00 per room, plus taxes. Indicate you are with the National Guernsey Convention. (This rate does not include admission to on-site Water Park which will be an additional $15.00 per day per person). Hotel is located at Exit 27on Northwest side of Indianapolis south of I-465 on US 421 (Michigan Rd.). Mail completed registration form with your check made payable to 2006 National Guernsey Convention to Gary Mithoefer, 1020 S. Country Lane, Greenfield, IN 46140. For questions call Gary or Nancy Mithoefer @ 317-861-8103 or Email gnmithoefer@sbcglobal.net.

A Hoosier Hello!

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To the National Convention Sale:

FOR LOU FARMS TILLER MAID

Born: 6/2/05

Dam: For Lou Farms T Margo, VG-83
2-11 359D 16,690M 4.5% 743F 3.2% 540P
2nd Dam: For Lou Farms O Magic, VG-86
3rd Dam: For Lou Farms J Mable, EX-91
5-02 305D 16,660M 4.4% 727F 3.4% 563P
Life: 115,040M 4.2% 4,841F 3.4% 3,909P

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Convention Bound

To the National Convention Sale - Challenge x Kip embryos

Dam: Wesgray Valiant Kip, VG-85 (87/84)
#80 on the 2/06 CPI List
3-03 305D 19,730M 4.9% 959F 3.7% 726P

2nd Dam: Wesgray Lorry Kipper, EX-90
4-09 365D 35,840M 4.4% 1,578F 3.1% 1,120P
Dam of Wesgray JB Knockout, 7GU408
& Kipling *(pictured on page 33 of the April GBJ)*
3rd Dam: Wesgray Perfecto Kitkat, VG-86
2-01 338D 15,400M 4.4% 673F 3.4% 527P

Wesgray Guernseys

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A "Dee-lightful" Consignment

To the National Convention Sale, A Knapps RO Jesus calf from Jade

Dam: Pine Drive Bossman Jade, EX-90 (92/90)
4-06 365D 2X 23,430M 5.3% 1,234F 3.5% 818P
2nd Dam: Pine Drive Enhancer Joydee-ET, VG-88
3-01 305D 2X 16,970M 5.9% 994F 3.8% 641P

3rd Dam: Westlynn Tom Dee, EX-96
5-11 365D 26,540M 4.8% 1,284F 3.6% 961P
7-09 365D 25,350M 4.8% 1,222F 3.5% 892P
9-08 365D 25,890M 4.5% 1,172F 3.5% 905P
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2005 Lactation Average 13,458M 4.7% 617F 3.6% 478P

PINECREST ACRES LEVI GINNIE VG-84
3-03 295D 2X 19810M 4.1% 808F 3.2% 638P
Sells with her Spider daughter

PINECREST ACRES CHARLES LESTI VG-84 (84/85)
2-00 305D 2X 14940M 5.0% 751F 3.7% 549P
Sells with a daughter by Bamboozle
Next dam is VG-87

PINECREST ACRES FRED HILTON VG-85 (85/85)

Four cows on the Top 300 CPI List

MANY HILLS LANGLEY EX-90
Gold Star Dam - 1998
5-02 363D 2X 21150M 4.6% 975F 3.7% 772P
7-04 329D 2X 20360M 4.2% 857F 3.3% 675P
Lifetime: 104,810M 4.5% 4,723F 3.6% 3,722P
Breighton Son in AI
Granddaughter sells fresh last fall

PINECREST ACRES LEVI FREED VG-88 (88/85)
3-05 322D 2X 17670M 4.4% 773F 3.5% 616P
Sells with her Turley daughter

PINECREST ACRES LORRY SILTY VG-84(83/80)
3-00 305D 2X 17680M 4.4% 786F 3.1% 553P
Levi daughter Sells

Directions to farm: From Hwy 53, take the exit for Hwy 48 West (Exit 143), go about a mile, turn left onto 18th St. for a mile, then right onto 20th Ave., farm is on the right.

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2006 Gold Star Dams

The Gold Star Dam emphasizes actual production and type while recognizing genetically superior cows that demonstrate an acceptable level of longevity. Selection is based on USDA genetic evaluation information and AGA appraisal records. Once receiving the recognition an animal will be permanently identified as a Gold Star Dam. The requirements for this designation are as follows:

• A USDA PTA value that is designated "Elite." Elite cows have a Net Merit (NM$) value in the top 2% of the breed. For February 2006, the minimum value was 293NM$ and included 149 cows.

• The reliability of the qualifying PTA must be at least 50%

• The cows must have calved at least three times

• The cow must be officially scored at least 80 points

Name/Owner	Sire	Yield Dev Milk	Fat	Prot	FS	MS	FL
CALIFORNIA							
BAY MEADOW FARMS, GALT, CA							
BAY MEADOW LORRY ICON	TROTACRE MERCURY LORRY-ET	4,077	187	135	85	87	79
BAY MEADOW FARMS, GALT, CA							
BAY MEADOW HAZELMAN MERRY	BAY MEADOW LORRYS HAZELMAN	2,357	114	77	82	85	82
MADSEN TERRY MICHAEL, TEMECULA, CA							
MILKY WAY LUXURY RUBY ANN	TROTACRE JAY MR LUXURY-ET	1,598	44	70	90	91	87
IOWA							
OAK KNOB GUERNSEYS, CRESCO, IA							
OAK KNOB SABER C CAKE	TAG LANE BUTTERMOST SABER	2,389	201	122	82	82	82
MARYLAND							
MILLER ROBERT W JR., NORTHEAST, MD							
CHESAPEAKE LEWIS MISSIE	TROTACRE ENHANCER LEWIS-ET	2,340	105	87	88	87	90
OREGON							
MANN ALAN, SILVERTON, OR							
ABIQUA ACRES EVENTS SNOWBALL	JENSOGLDEN IDLE G MAIN EVENT	-56	81	36	87	86	88
WILSONVIEW DAIRY INC., TILLAMOOK, OR							
WILSONVIEW LORRY SAMPLE	TROTACRE MERCURY LORRY-ET	3,047	115	82	92	94	90
WILSONVIEW DAIRY INC., TILLAMOOK, OR							
WILSONVIEW ROYAL RUBY	JENSGOLDEN PROKING ROYAL OAK	2,853	159	80	86	86	78
WILSONVIEW DAIRY INC., TILLAMOOK, OR							
WILSONVIEW LUXURY REBEL	TROTACRE JAY MR LUXURY-ET	3,082	99	114	88	87	88
WILSONVIEW DAIRY INC., TILLAMOOK, OR							
WILSONVIEW LORRY RACHAEL	TROTACRE MERCURY LORRY-ET	1,866	131	82	81	77	82
VERMONT							
BIGELOW DONALD A., BETHEL, VT							
ROYAL TERRACE LUXURY NICKY	TROTACRE JAY MR LUXURY-ET	3,073	126	109	84	85	77
WISCONSIN							
HANSEN FARMS, NEW LISBON, WI							
MARSHALLANE LUXURY ERIN	TROTACRE JAY MR LUXURY-ET	3,831	141	125	85	87	84
PETERSON JACLYN A., WILSON, WI							
MISTY MEADOWS BEAUTYS BLOSSOM	TROTACRE JAY MR LUXURY-ET	4,564	178	132	90	91	86
JENS GOLD FARMS, AMERY, WI							
JENS GOLD LUXURY CYCLONE	TROTACRE JAY MR LUXURY-ET	1,094	95	43	88	88	85
JENS GOLD FARMS, AMERY, WI							
JENS GOLD LUXURY ZA ZOOM	TROTACRE JAY MR LUXURY-ET	1,728	145	53	81	80	78
SCHULER NEAL, PLATTEVILLE, WI							
DONNYBROOK S DONNER	COULEE CREST ENHANCER STORM-ET	2,860	131	88	83	83	77
VAN DOORN GARY, TONY, WI							
FLAMBEAU MANOR HS LOTTY	MYRTLEDALES MAGIC HOT SHOT-ET	2,243	100	79	90	90	82

National Outstanding Youth Finalists

Larry Ansell

Jean Gallagher

Seth Kohler

Jacob Pieper

Monica Renfrow

Brent Tyrrell

LARRY ANSELL

Encouraged by his parents, Larry and Susan Ansell to develop and show a breed different from those chosen by his three siblings, Larry, 19, began his dairy herd with Ayrshires, but soon learned to appreciate the benefits of the Guernsey cow. The home farm consists of 70 dairy cows from each of the seven breeds in Scottdale, Pa. Currently a sophomore at a branch campus of Penn State University, he is majoring in secondary education/history.

Larry credits the folks in the Pennsylvania Guernsey Association for welcoming him to the fold and giving him his start in Guernsey activities. He enjoys participating in dairy quiz bowl, having attended each National Convention since 1998. He has had the good fortune of being a member of both the Junior and Senior division winning team twice. He has also had success in the Junior Association's speech contests.

Although his Guernsey herd has not flourished as well as his personal Guernsey career (his first project animal has gone 0-6 in the heifer department), he proudly points to a flashy Tiller daughter he bred, Ansell Acres Till Rhododendron, that he plans to transfer to a cousin with an interest in Guernseys.

A strong supporter of the breed, Larry says that "I believe that we can make Guernseys worth more by making them available. How can we expect expanding dairies to consider Guernseys if we do not have a supply of a quality product that will fit their operation? Guernseys can be worth more if we breed a cow that fits today's environment. It is time to leave our comfort zone and explore new markets."

JEAN GALLAGHER

In her parent's 55 cow registered Holstein herd, Luckyvale Guernseys are Jean's own project. The 18-year-old daughter of Paul and Cindy Gallagher of Sangerfield, NY, Jean began her Guernsey project when her parents purchased her a calf at the New York State Spring Carousel Sale and her grandfather, Bill Peck, of Welcome Stock Farm, gave her one of his last remaining Guernseys. She is currently enrolled as a freshman at Cornell University.

Jean has experienced somewhat of a roller coaster ride with her Guernseys since her first bred and owned animal, Luckyvale Madison Fancy did very well at the shows and was named Reserve All-American Senior Calf when Jean was only 9. Unfortunately, reality struck when Fancy would not breed and had to be culled. Jean did not give up and in 2002, another one of her bred and owned animals, Luckyvale Magicman Gem hit the national tanbark trail and was named All-American Junior Yearling.

Active in many aspects of the dairy industry, Jean has been a member of several quiz bowl and judging teams and has been a New York Junior Holstein Distinguished member finalists several times. She has been the New York State Guernsey Princess, participated in numerous public speaking contests and is a member of the Cornell University Dairy Club. She also played basketball and soccer, was a member of the National Honor Society, Girls State representative and Cornell's Big Brother & Big Sister Program.

Jean feels that the advantages of Guernsey genetics such as their grazing ability, calving ease and possibilities for use in rotational pasture management systems needs to be promoted. She also states "we need to promote the advantages of Guernsey milk in product manufacturing or in niche marketing."

SETH KOHLER

As a youngster, Seth Kohler served as the "welcoming committee" at his family's Marodore Farm – from his playpen in the milking parlor! He has since moved up the "corporate ladder" to caring for many aspects of the Guernsey herd. The 20-year-old son of Lee Kohler of Baltimore, Ohio, Seth is currently spending a semester studying at the University of Lincoln, New Zealand as a part of his curriculum at Cornell University.

As many other farm youth have experienced, Seth has had his share of disappointments in the dairy business. He had the misfortune of having a special virgin heifer go down, but thanks to new technology, was able to harvest her ovaries and have them flown to Des Moines, Iowa, to have them fertilized and placed in beef recipients. He hopes this will provide him with a heifer that will expand his herd and carry on this heifer's genetics.

Seth has been very involved and successful in all areas of 4-H and FFA as well as the Guernsey Youth programs. He was a member of the Ohio Senior Quiz bowl team that won at the National Convention in California. He was also a winner of the Public Speaking Contest that same year. He has shown numerous class winners and has received several All-Americans and Jr. All-American designations. As a contestant in the FFA Extemporaneous Speaking Competition, Seth received recognition as the Chapter, County, District and State winner as well as participating in the National contest.

As the result of a class assignment to evaluate and offer suggestions to a business, Seth has convinced his father of the benefits of switching to a TMR. His summer project on the farm is to put it together and have it operational in the herd by September. Seth says he is thankful to have been reared on a Guernsey dairy farm. He relates that his Cornell "Long Island friends may wear fancier clothes or drive a nicer car, but the life I have led, the lessons I've learned and the bonds I've made are priceless."

JACOB PIEPER

Among his family's 110 Holsteins are Jacob Pieper's 15 Guernseys and, after 9 years as a Guernsey owner, he couldn't be happier with his decision to branch out.

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National Guernsey Queen Candidates

Katie Boesche

Ashley Bridges

Jean Gallagher

Jenelle Laska

Janelle Peterson

Kimberly Vaughan

KATHERINE BOESCHE

Katherine is the 19 year old daughter of James and Carol Boesche of DeKalb, Ill. She and her sister manage a small herd of nine animals on her family's 650 acre corn and soybean operation. Katie is currently a freshman at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign majoring in Animal Science.

4-H, FFA, Farm Bureau and breed association activities have kept Katie busy through the years. She has participated in dairy judging, and was on the 1st place quiz bowl team that competed in Madison in 2005. She has received recognition for her public speaking abilities from all organizations, including the AGA, FFA, and Junior Holstein Association. Most recently, she has worked with school children giving Ag in the Classroom presentations for her local Farm Bureau. She plans a summer internship with the county's Ag Literacy coordinator in the area of agriculture education.

Katie has had the Grand Champion Guernsey at the Illinois State Fair Junior Show, had the 2003 Junior All-American Spring Calf and was awarded the 2004 MVP award at the national Guernsey quiz bowl contest.

In addition to her love for her animals, Katie is also an accomplished singer. She was a 10-year member of the Northern Illinois Children's Choir that performed locally and out of state, as well. She was in her high school's Madrigal Singers and is active in the University of Illinois choir.

As to Katie's feelings about being Queen she states "I would make every effort to educate the public about the breed which I, myself, have such a passion for. Serving as a spokesperson for the breed would be an enjoyable undertaking."

ASHLEY BRIDGES

An Ag Education major at Cleveland Community College with plans to transfer to NC State in the fall, Ashley Bridges is the third generation on her family's Guernsey farm. Ashley is the 19-year-old daughter of Kevin Bridges of Shelby, N.C., where they work 300 acres and milk 107 cows.

Ashley takes an active role around the farm by taking care of all of the calf raising responsibilities. She is learning about the breeding and sire selection and is A.I. certified. During the summer months, she serves as the relief milker. Ashley has participated in activities such as showing, dairy judging and setting up petting zoos for handicapped children and nursing homes.

Her future plans include getting her degree in Agriculture Education and returning to her home county to teach agriculture in a local high school while continuing to help her family on the dairy. She sees the role of Queen as a role model to younger members and wants to help the Guernsey Association in any way she can.

JEAN GALLAGHER

Jean Gallagher began at an early age to "help" her parents, Paul and Cindy Gallagher of Sangerfield, NY, on the farm. Now that she is 19, her ability to help has grown as has her knowledge and interest in the Guernsey breed. When home from college, she takes responsibility for the calf raising and field work as well as helping with milking and odd jobs as needed.

A freshman at Cornell University, Jean plans to study abroad during the spring semester of 2007 in New Zealand. She also hopes to become a part of Cornell's Dairy Fellows program. Through these two activities, she hopes to explore the diversity of the dairy industry and prepare herself for "real world" settings. She sees a Masters and possibly a PhD in her future in dairy cattle nutrition.

Jean has been a member of several quiz bowl and judging teams. She has been the New York State Guernsey Princess, participated in numerous public speaking contests and is a member of the Cornell University Dairy Club. She was also the breeder and owner of two Guernsey heifers to be named All-American.

Jean feels that "holding the title of National Guernsey Queen would mean doing all that is possible to represent the Guernsey cow to my utmost ability." She would like to attend as many functions as possible-within Guernsey as well as with other breed associations. "Taking advantage of any opportunities that may come my way could allow me to speak to the general public and increase their awareness of the Guernsey cow."

Gwen Wilson

JENELLE LASKA

On the bluff of the Mississippi River in Southeast Minnesota is where Jenelle Laska's family has farmed since the 1940's. Jenelle is the 19-year-old daughter of Richard and Carol Laska of Winona, Minn. They currently milk 55-60 cows in a double eight swing parlor. Breezy Point Farm is proud to be the breeder of the Guernsey world production record holder, Breezy Point P Racer.

Jenelle has been very active in 4-H and FFA over the years. She has been a project award winner, on judging teams, a junior leader and part of a state exchange group. She has held numerous offices in her local club and has attended State Fair every

year she was eligible, including having the Reserve Champion Guernsey at the 2005 Minn. State Fair 4-H Show. Her FFA experiences are varied and have included judging, public speaking, showing and attending state and national conventions.

Currently a freshman at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls, she is majoring in Agriculture Business. She is interested in finance and would like to pursue a career as a loan officer. She says, "I plan to continue promoting agriculture and the dairy industry throughout my entire life."

She believes it would be an honor to serve as the National Guernsey Queen and exclaims, "To be the spokesperson for our nation's Guernsey breeders, farmers and animals would be the opportunity of a lifetime and I would truly enjoy meeting other Guernsey enthusiasts from all over the country."

JANELLE PETERSON

Janelle is the 20-year-old daughter of Randy and Kelly Peterson of Wilson, Wis. She owns 17 Guernseys on her parent's Misty Meadows Farm where she works in addition to having an off-farm factory job. On the farm, Janelle helps with the feeding, milking, and calf care as well as doing field work. Preparing the animals for the shows is her specific responsibility and she shares her knowledge with youth members as they look forward to the show season.

Janelle has exhibited at many shows including NJS-Madison and Louisville. Her favorite part of the show is the showmanship class, which she has excelled in. In 2005, she won Guernsey Sr. showmanship at the WI Jr. State Fair and placed tenth overall at WDE. She was named 2002 Wisconsin Outstanding Guernsey Youth and is the current president of the WI Junior GBA.

While in school, Janelle played basketball and volleyball and competed on the track and field team. She has been involved in many activities where she has assisted younger people including youth sports club, camp counselor, dance class recitals and her church Sunday school.

As Queen, Janelle sees her responsibility to be at every national dairy show and convention. "All dairy events on any level are an opportunity to inform people about the dairy industry and our Guernsey cow…I would be professional and talk to them and be just as friendly as the Guernsey herself is."

KIMBERLY VAUGHAN

Raised with a mixed breed herd on a family farm in Maryland, Kimberly Vaughan knows about the variety of work involved to be successful. Kimberly is the 19-year-old daughter of Daniel and Karen Vaughan of White Hall, Md. The family milks over 80 head of registered dairy cattle with about an equal division between the Guernsey and the Holstein breeds. The farm also includes Linebacks, Norwegian Reds, dairy goats, broilers, hogs, chickens, geese and the family herding dog. Kimberly helps with feeding the claves, doing field work, helping with the family's huge garden, gathering eggs and training the dog.

A 14-year 4-Her, Kimberly has held nearly every office in her local club. She is the past-president of the MD Junior Guernsey Association and is currently its secretary. She has shown and succeeded in many events including being made the state's top senior showman and Guernsey fitting and showing winner. As part of her FFA agronomy team she placed first in the state competition and was on the 2nd place food production team.

Kimberly is planning a career as an agricultural and civil engineer. Recently her family has worked with Natural Resource Management to create a manure storage facility and a stream crossing. She has seen firsthand the benefit of having some farming background in the planning of these additions. She says, "I plan to come back and apply my own knowledge and that of my schooling, to preserve the land that we all love and cherish so much."

Kimberly believes that knowledge of the dairy industry and of the world are two important factors to being Queen. She feels the Queen must be able to converse with the members with understanding or "she will be unable to speak on behalf of the farmers [to] inform the public of the industry."

GWEN WILSON

Gwen Wilson is the 17-year-old daughter of Dalyn and Ruth Wilson of Pleasant Hope, Mo. Gwen, herself, owns 69 of the family's Golden Ozark Guernseys. The family began farming in Pleasant Hope in 1997 and has doubled their original herd size since. They have continued to raise all of their replacements since that time. Gwen has experienced the ups and downs that all dairy folks know when a special heifer went down and had to be lifted in a sling for some time. The heifer managed to come through it and calved with the bull they now use on the farm.

On the farm, Gwen's responsibilities have grown just as she has. Every day, when she comes home from school, she takes care of the calves and the heifers. She checks on the dry cows and helps with the night milking if she is needed. In the summer, she helps in the field by wrapping bales and moving them off the field.

A Senior at Pleasant Hope High School, Gwen is active in the FFA, Future Business Leaders of America and National Honor Society, and has played soccer, basketball and softball. She plans to attend Emporia State University in Emporia, Kan., and eventually become a librarian.

Gwen sees the National Guernsey Queen as a great role model for kids to look up to. She also feels that one of her responsibilities would be to get to know Guernsey breeders from all over the nation and to promote "the dairy industry and specifically the versatility of the Guernsey breed at local, state and national events."

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While he remains an active member of the Holstein and Brown Swiss Association, he feels the Guernsey Association has been extremely helpful as his family strives to achieve their breeding goals. A 20-year-old sophomore at Virginia Tech majoring in Dairy Science/Ag Economics, Jacob is the son of Skip and Rachel Pieper of White Hall, Md.

Jacob has competed in many judging competitions. In 2000 and 2001 he was the overall high individual of the Maryland Dairy Judging Contest and on the Maryland 4-H team that won in Harrisburg. He has also competed at Madison and Louisville. His bred & owned, Eternal Flame Ashlyn was named Reserve Junior Champion at NJS-Madison and was made Junior All-American and Reserve All-American Winter Calf that year. She went on to be used in the popular AGA advertising campaign – "Have You Seen Them Lately".

In 2001, Jacob was a part of a People to People Sports Ambassador Trip to Denmark and Sweden.

Making use of his talents as a fitter, Jacob has begun a business called Straightline Fitting Service, to help supplement his college expenses. He has traveled to numerous shows in the east as well as spending a summer interning for Todd and Jill Keune of North Star Holsteins and Brown Swiss in Spring Valley, Minn.

With his mixed herd experience, Jacob believes that "in recent years Guernseys have proved to be able to compete in commercial operations against other breeds such as Holsteins. They have more strength and are more aggressive than in the past, allowing them to compete for bunk space among other larger breeds. Mixed herds are becoming more common and registered Guernseys can have a large place in this market."

MONICA RENFROW

Monica Renfrow is the 19-year-old daughter of Dede and Lonnie Grove of Carlock, Ill. While growing up on Lane View Farm, Monica received her first Guernsey from her grandfather Walter Rankin, when she was eight. She continued in the Golden Guernsey tradition right up until the herd was recently dispersed to Valley Gem Farm in Wisconsin.

Monica has participated in numerous

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judging and quiz bowl competitions as well as having her share of success in the show ring. In her first year of showing at Madison, her heifers, Lane View Robin and Lane View Lorna were in contention for Junior Champion. Monica says "[having] them in the running for Jr. Champion in the colored wood shavings (red that year) will never slip my mind."

At the 2004 National Convention held that year in New York, Monica participated in the National Queen Contest. She was named as the 2004 Guernsey Princess and found the experience to be very rewarding, especially the opportunity to work with other youth. She was designated the Illinois Guernsey Association's Outstanding Youth in 2005 and was named the Youth President in 2006.

As a Varsity volleyball player at Marquette University, Monica has found that "city life" is not for her. She sees her future back in the dairy industry with Guernsey cattle. "My Guernsey experiences have pushed me to excel not just as a farmer and a dairy enthusiast, but as a person, a college student athlete and community supporter…I know that my history and background provide me a solid foundation for the future for anything I want to achieve."

BRENT TYRRELL

Growing up on a multi-generational farm in Browerville, Minn., Brent Tyrrell believes that the Guernsey cow has left a lasting impression on him. The 20-year-old son of Dennis and Cheryl Tyrrell currently works on the home farm as well as holding a position at Standard Iron using his welding degree. The farm has been home to a 100% purebred Guernsey herd since the '40's.

Brent has been active in FFA, 4-H and the Minnesota Junior Guernsey Association for many years. He has been treasurer, vice president and president of the MNJGA as well as being name the Outstanding Guernsey Youth in 2003. He has shown his Guernseys in 4-H as well as being a member of several judging teams and project area winners. He had the Grand and the Reserve Grand Champion of the MN State 4-H Show in addition to being a finalist for the MN State Fair Dairy Interviews in 2002 and 2003. And, in 2004, Brent received the prestigious American Farmer Degree from FFA.

"Producing a genetically superior animal and an animal that is going to last numerous lactations" is one of Brent's breeding goals. Additionally, he looks for sires that have a strong set of feet and legs with stature and correct udders.

While Brent has been involved in every aspect of his family farm, his favorite job is feeding and nurturing the calves. He takes pride in having that responsibility and watching them grow and mature into great cows. He does, however, point to his least favorite chore on the farm, too. He, like many other farm youth, doesn't like pitching out pens. He states, "This seems like a never ending job and there is always more than you thought."

The American Guernsey Association welcomes the following new Junior members:

Darren C. Forgy, McVeytown, PA
Nathaniel Seltsam, Calgary, Alberta
Carly Sherwood, Newport, NY
Caleb Sherwood, Newport, NY
Carin Sherwood, Newport, NY
Sandra L. Krone, Fountainville, PA
Lacey Kay Vander Veen, Everson, WA
Jenelle Laska, Winona, MN
Christopher Chapin, West Rutland, VT
Brittany Chapin, West Rutland, VT
Lani Marie Ogle, Sarcoxie, MO
Abby J. Sterner, Sassamansville, PA
Madison Lee Moore, Plano, TX
Krystal Alt, Appleton, NY
Alexander Alt, Appleton, NY
Whitney Thorpe, Canaan, CT
Loren J. Daentl, Edmund, WI
William R. Henry, Hamilton, MO
Renee D. Ealy, Sharpsville, PA
Mackenzie Vivian, Amroy, IL

You'll Go *NUTS* For This Heifer!
Selling at the National Convention Sale:
A Tiller Spring Yearling out of Acorn
Full Sister was Nominated Jr. All-American in '05!

Dam: Up The Creek Glaciers Acorn, EX-90 (90/90)
2-02 305D 14,970M 4.6% 691F 3.3% 499P
2nd Dam: Up The Creek Pokers Alcone, VG-86
3-01 365D 18,880M 4.6% 873F 3.6% 676P
3rd Dam: Up The Creek P K Alcott, VG-84
4-02-359D 18,440M 5.5% 1,020F 3.8% 705P
Prairie Cream Farm
Larry & Deb Lakey & Family
W23375 11th St., Trempealeau, WI 54661
Ph: 608.534.6704 | wisgba@yahoo.com

Thank You!

The Pennsylavania Guernsey Breeders' would like to thank everyone who helped make the 75th PA GBA Annual Meeting & 2006 PA Blue Halter Sale a huge success! We appreciate all the hard work and support of everyone involved.

Thank you to all the buyers, consignors, contenders, sale crew and the Guernsey Marketing Staff for helping make the Blue Halter Sale another great one!

$2,929 Average on 42 lots!
$10,000 High Seller!

Pennsylvania Guernsey Breeders' Association
Jim Trotter, Business Manager
222 Martin School Rd., Enon Valley, PA 16120
Ph: 724.667.0834 - www.paguernseys.com

A Well-Rounded Pedigree

Iceberg x Contessa Embryos Sell!

National Convention Sale, June 26

Idle Gold Royal Contessa-ET, VG-88 (88/86)
#3 CPI Cow | Mat. Sister to Challenge
3-06 365D 30,770M 4.1% 1,250F 3.1% 957P
Fresh again with over 127# the first three months!

Dtr: Idle Gold Ronald Cinderella, VG-88
2-02 305D 22,720M 3.7% 847F 2.9% 662P

Dam: Pafarms Fortress Cassandra, VG-89
3-04 363D 30,970M 4.0% 1,250F 3.0% 943P

3rd Dam: Pafarms Smokey Clareesa, EX-90
7-01 365D 23,290M 4.4% 1,018F 3.2% 741P

This isn't just an index mating, it's more of a health traits mating. Contessa has always been a first service cow, she's never seen the hoof trimmer, and her current lactation SCC is 60. We've always had very good conception rate with Icy sons, and figure that family must have good health traits as well. Not to mention, Icy is a National Class winner, as is Contessa's granddam. Coupled with the production on both sides of the pedigree, this is a winning combination!

Idle Gold Guernsey Farm

Neil, Janice, Laura & Jillian Jensen
1938 25th St., Comstock, WI 54826
Phone & Fax: 715.822.5338

Are you looking for...

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A show calf?

Take a look at:
TERPHILL OPTION MISTRESS
A Spring Calf granddaughter of Terphill Perfecto Mitzby, EX-94, the 1st Aged Cow at NGS-L'ville & Res. All-American in 2003

"Just be careful how you tell your wife you found the perfect mistress at the National Convention!"

Or a show cow?

Have I got a trooper for you:
TERPHILL LEWIS TROPPER
A Jr. 3-Year-Old for '06!
Due July 22, 2006 to Spider.
She is entered in the 2006 Guernsey Gold & Kingsmill Futurities!
Seth's pick of our herd!

Trooper & Mistress sell at the Convention Sale

Terphill Farm

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An Angel Among Us

Selling in the National Convention Sale, June 26, Indianapolis, IN.
A "Heavenly" Summer Yearling for 2006...

Adams Creek Maxie Angel-ET

Born: 6/1/05
Hand picked by Dale & Stanley Chupp, Seth Johnson, Brian Schnebly & Chris Skaar, who all agree she is the best calf born on our farm in '05.

Dam: Sunny Brook Visa Maggie, VG-86 (85/90) @ 2-11
1-11 312D 18,960M 4.7% 882F 3.1% 580P
2-11 305D 15,580M 4.9% 759F 3.1% 490P

2nd Dam: Rollandia P Jay Mercy Mattie
2-01 344D 15,530M 4.9% 761F 3.4% 531P
3-01 343D 17,420M 4.7% 811F 3.4% 598P

3rd Dam: Rollandia Nobility Mercy Mitzi, VG-86
Calved at 2-00, 3-00, 4-00, 5-01, 6-01, 7-03, 8-03 & 9-01

Adams Creek Farm

Steve & Debbie Nuttleman
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Get Ready For...

PENNY WARS!

What is "Penny Wars"?

It's a new activity taking place during National Convention to raise money for the AGA Youth Fund.

How Does "Penny Wars" Work?

Every state represented by Junior members at Convention will have a jar. The object is to put pennies in your state's jar, and silver change or paper money in the other state's jars. Pennies count towards your state's total, silver change & paper money takes points away from your state's total. For example, it would take 25 pennies to negate 1 quarter. At the end of convention, each state's jar will be counted and the winner will get a Penny Wars keepsake. All the money collected will go to the AGA Youth fund to support youth programs.

Start collecting your loose change now!

American Junior Guernsey Association

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Northeast District Directors: Doug Morrow, Tyrone, PA; Ashley Spears, S. Deerfield, MA; Maureen Phelon, Westfield, MA

Dear Members of the American Guernsey Association,

As many of you may already know, the decision was made at the 2005 National Convention to form a national junior association and board of directors to better serve and organize our junior activities. At that meeting, temporary districts were formed and directors chosen from each to help form this new organization and lead it into the coming years. I have drafted a constitution and bylaws to be approved, improved and accepted by the junior membership at the upcoming National Convention in Indianapolis this coming summer where the next steps will be taken to continue to growth of this new association and board.

This is a very important step for both the senior and junior members of the American Guernsey Association as this will lead to a more organized, professional, and fun organization for the junior members. There will be a chance for every junior member to have a part in running the newly formed American Junior Guernsey Association. The constitution will be up for review and will be voted on before it comes into full effect and some positions on the board will become open, mainly mine.

But the AJGA and the board of directors will not have total control of the organization, which is why I am contacting each and every one of the junior members. I want to encourage every member of the American Guernsey Association to become involved in this page in our organization's history. I want to encourage every junior member to become a part of the AJGA as every current junior member will already be a member, and for them to participate in the meeting and activities we will be having at the national convention as well as the meetings that will be held at the four national shows. I also want to stress the importance of become more active when the time comes to take a position on the board of directors to help steer the organization through the next year. As for the adults, I ask you to encourage your children to get involved and for your support in this step, whatever it may be. I have worked to model the AJGA fairly closely to the AGA and have included the AGA board of directors as a form of advisors to the junior board. We will also look to the other senior members for guidance and advice as we shape the AJGA into what the juniors wish it to be.

It will take everyone's help to ensure the AJGA is as much a success as I believe it can be. I have been proud to be a junior member of the AGA and to have had the opportunity to help start the new AJGA and plan to stay on as an advisor in the years to come. I hope that the juniors on the board will take it by the reins and lead the AJGA where it needs to go, into the future to grow and prosper. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dan Fritsche
2005 Outstanding Youth
North District Director
danfritsche_fandf@hotmail.com

Proposed Constitution of the American Junior Guernsey Association

As written on January 30, 2006

Article I
The organization shall be known as the American Junior Guernsey Association and referred to as the AJGA from here on.

Article II
The purpose of the AJGA is to better organize and provide a method of leadership for the existing junior membership of the American Guernsey Association (AGA), providing the junior members with a means of leadership and control over their activities through an organization to lead and control under the guidance and advice of the senior members.

Article III
The membership shall consist of the current junior members of the AGA during the year the Constitution is adopted. Membership in the following years will be composed of members 21 years of age and younger who meet membership requirements of the AGA and also either own, have parents who own, or lease Guernsey cattle.

Article IV
The AJGA will be under the direction of a Board of Directors that will be made up of eligible members 12 years of age or older in good standing with the AJGA, and will serve no more than two consecutive terms of two years each. There will be two directors from each district and one director from each district will be up for re-election every year alternating so that each director serves a two-year term. Elections of the directors will be done by ballot to the junior members to be sent with the ballots of the AGA with results announced at the convention. Members wishing to run for a position will apply to the AJGA and have their biography published in the Guernsey Journal before convention. The directors of each district are to be voted on only by members of that district and must be members of that district. Advisors to the AJGA shall determine final eligibility of the candidates. Advisors will be three members of the AGA that choose to be advisors to the AJGA and may be appointed by the AGA Board. The AGA Board of Directors will also serve as a source of advice to the AJGA Board and can also serve as one of the three advisors.

Article V Districts
The districts shall be as follows:
East District: Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont, West Virginia, Pennsylvania.
North District: Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Ohio.
South District: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee,

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Virginia, Kentucky.
West District: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Oregon, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wyoming.

Article VI Officers
The officers of the AJGA will be elected by the Board of Directors from the members of the Board of Directors. A President, Vice President, and a Secretary/Treasurer will be elected from the Board and each will only serve a one-year term at each office.

Article VII Meetings
A meeting of the Board of Directors will be held at the beginning of every National Convention to discuss current issues, hear possible amendments, and propose needed changes to the AJGA. A meeting of the Board and the members of the AJGA will be held at the end of convention to vote on amendments and other business that would be properly introduced at said meetings. An informal district meeting will also be held at every national junior show (Madison, Louisville, Harrisburg, Sacramento) as a means of meeting other junior members, recruiting new members, socializing, and discussing issues at hand to be brought up at the national meeting. The Board of Directors will also be expected to keep in contact with each other concerning the business of the AJGA and may call any meeting as deemed necessary.

Article VIII Amendments to the Constitution
Amendments may be made at the annual national meeting only after being brought up at the Board of Directors meeting, discussed by the board, and brought up for vote by the membership at the general meeting at the end of convention. Potential amendments are to be submitted to the Board by petition signed by 10 members of the AJGA. The Board of Directors will then discuss, seek advice from the advisors and AGA Board of Directors, make necessary recommendations, and then bring the matter up to a vote at the general meeting. Amendments to the constitution need to be approved by a majority vote of the membership. Voting on amendments to the constitution (due to the general low attendance of junior members at a national convention) will be done by proxy sent out before convention. Voting will then be done by members present and by proxy and will pass by a 2/3 vote.

Do you have any Guernsey memorabilia, crafts or milk bottles?

Consider bringing one along to the National Convention in June for the Youth Auction

All proceeds go to the National Youth Fund.

Remember the youth are the future of the Guernsey breed!

Queen's Commentary

Lindsey Messick

Greetings Fellow Guernsey Breeders! Congratulations to all of the 2006 All-American nominees and winners! Thank you for exhibiting such amazing animals. I actually got to see many of these gorgeous animals up close at the shows I was able to attend. This year, I could look at the pictures of all the nominees and say "Hey, I remember that heifer or cow."

I have some pretty exciting personal news to add--The College of the Ozarks Lady Bobcats recently took second at our National NAIA Tournament! The announcers of the Championship game; which was nationally televised; actually mentioned that I was the current National Guernsey Queen on air! We spent a week in Sioux City, Iowa, and ended the season with a record of 33-2 the best record of any C of O team in school history. I have to admit that our men's team did a tad bit better in the end. They only had a record of 29-6, hosted the National Men's Tournament and finished the season by winning the National Title! It just goes to show that hard work and dedication year round really pays off!

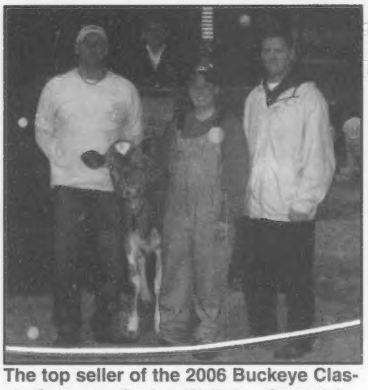
I am proud to say that everyone I know at C of O now knows what a Guernsey is. Some of my guy friends like to mispronounce Guernsey by saying "Grun-sey", but I quickly correct them. The guys are actually amazed that I have a "cow magazine" that actually has pictures of me in it. The Guernsey Breeders' Journal has been dubbed the "Moo-Weekly" by these uncultured hillbillies. I guess it really makes no difference what they call it. My Guernsey Journal has been well read and whole lot of people in the Ozarks can now identify a Guernsey as a Guernsey and not just a brown and white cow! I truly treasure all the memory-making moments I have had this past year as your Queen.

Spring is here--here come the sales! School is almost out and I hope to see some of you again soon!
Lindsey Messick
2005 National Guernsey Queen

Juniors National Convention Checklist

- ☐ Sold & Unsold Raffle Tickets
- ☐ Folding Displays (entries due in AGA office 6/1)
- ☐ Pictures for the new Jr. Photo Contest
- ☐ Pennies & silver change for the new Penny Wars!
- ☐ Swimsuits for the pool & indoor water park!

Spring Sale Reports



The top seller of the 2006 Buckeye Classic Sale was Spring Walk Icy Crystel for $4,200. Pictured (l-r): Kurt Wachtel, consignor; Michelle Lahmers, Buckeye Dairy Club; Seth Johnson representing buyers. In the box: Blaine Crosser.

BUCKEYE CLASSIC SALE

The Buckeye Classic is a small, elite offering of top Guernsey genetics. The sale is managed and sponsored by the students in the Buckeye Dairy Club of The Ohio State University with assistance from Guernsey Marketing Service. Held on March 31 in Columbus, Ohio, 9 live animals averaged over $2,330. The top seller was a July 2005, Glacier from Lantz Farm Tiller Icy, EX-91. Icy was the All-American Jr. Three-Year-Old in 2002 and is a former top-ranked CPI cow. Her highest production record is over 39,000M and 2,100F. The calf was consigned by Spring Walk Farm of Big Prairie, Ohio, and purchased by Jon Lantz and Ernie Berousek of Ellsworth, Wisconsin, and Yukon, Oklahoma.

Animals bringing more than $2,000:

Spring Walk Icy Crystel (07/05) $4,200
Sire: Rozelyn Patmar Jay Glacier-ET
B: Jon Lantz & Ernie Berousek, Ellsworth, WI
C: Spring Walk Farm, Big Prairie, OH

Sims And Ayars D Cameo (06/05) $3,900
Sire: Four Winds Royal Delta-ET
B: James Sims, Clinton, SC
C: Sims and Ayars, Mechnicsburg, OH

Brown Eden Mhill JB Deetermined-ET(9/05)
Sire: Royal Acres Enhancer JB **$2,900**
B: Gene Cross, Sherburn, MN
C: Megan Sexton & David Croshaw, Parksville, KY

Pine Grove Lancelot R Foam (10/05) $2,700
Sire: Marodore Onwards Lancelot
B: Todd Kilchenman, West Lafayette, OH
C: Reuben Miller, Sugar Creek, OH

Collettes Manix Jolly (12/05) $2,600
Sire: Collettes Regis Manix
B: Todd Kilchenman, West Lafayette, OH
C: Mary Beth Collette, Chuckey, TN

Aldens Tyler Payday (07/04) $2,150
Sire: Trotacre Enhancer Tyler-ET

The second high seller of the 2006 Buckeye Classic Sale was Sims And Ayars D Cameo. Pictured (l-r): John Ayars, Doug Sims, Clayton Gilbert, Michelle Lahmers, and Kenny Joe Manion. In the box: Blaine Crosser.

B: Todd Kilchenman, West Lafayette, OH
C: Alden Farm, Danville, OH

KENTUCKY NATIONAL SALE

The 2006 Kentucky National Show and Sale was held in Louisville, Kentucky, on April 6. A large number of no-shows limited the lineup to 28 lots. However, the quality was high as they averaged $2,045.

Dutch Mills JB Barb was the high seller, bringing a final bid of $7,400 from John and Bonnie Ayars and Dr. Kenny Manion of Mechanicsburg, Ohio. This Sr. Two-Year-Old daughter of Royal Acres Enhancer JB sold due in June and is backed by four Very Good dams. She was bred by Keith Young of Pleasant Lake, Indiana, and consigned by Trish and Caleb Nicley and Megan Sexton of Lebanon, Indiana.

Fish Creek Icy Cube Precious, the Grand Champion of the show portion of the event, sold for $3,800 to Lindsey Smith of Smyrna, Tennessee. This Winter Heifer Calf is sired by a full brother to Spring Walk Icy Chiller-ET. She was consigned by Fish Creek Guernseys of Pleasant Lake, Indiana.

The sale was managed by Guernsey Marketing Service and the Kentucky Guernsey Breeders' Association and sponsored by the Kentucky Department of Agriculture. Lynn Lee served as auctioneer. Seth Johnson read pedigrees and Tom Smith and Barney and Bryan Hornback took bids from the sizable crowd.

Animals bringing more than $2,000:

Dutch Mills JB Barb (09/03) $7,400
Sire: Royal Acres Enhancer JB
B: John & Bonnie Ayars & Dr. Kenny Manion, Mechanicsburg, OH
C: Nicley & Sexton, Lebanon, IN

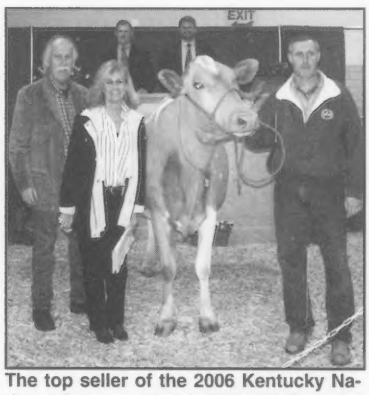
Fish Creek Icy Cube Precious (12/05) $3,800
Sire: Spring Walk Icy Cube-ET
B: Lindsey Smith, Smyrna, TN
C: Fish Creek Guernseys, Pleasant Lake, IN

Spring River Baldknobber (03/04) $2,900
Sire: Trotacre Loral Tiller-ET
B: Jonathan Hershberger, Millersburg, OH
C: Steve Mills, Saluda, SC

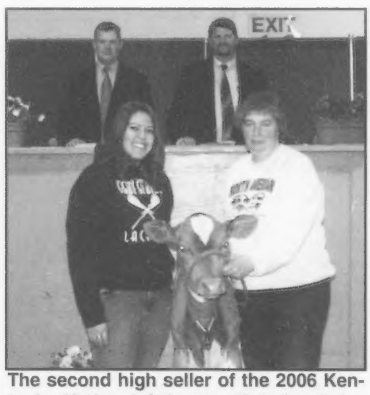
Taylors Casper Lacie (10/03) $2,700
Sire: Taylors Loral Casper
B: Mike Hickman, Shelbeyville, TN
C: Mike Taylor, Pleasureville, KY

Collettes Manix Tammy (12/05) $2,300
Sire: Collettes Regis Manix
B: Roger Henry, Ulysses, PA
C: Mary Beth Collette, Chuckey, TN

Pleasant View Banger Zorona (08/02) $2,200
Sire: My Day Bliss Banger-ET
B: Aaron Stewart, Macomb, MO
C: Terry Thomas, Tollesboro, KY

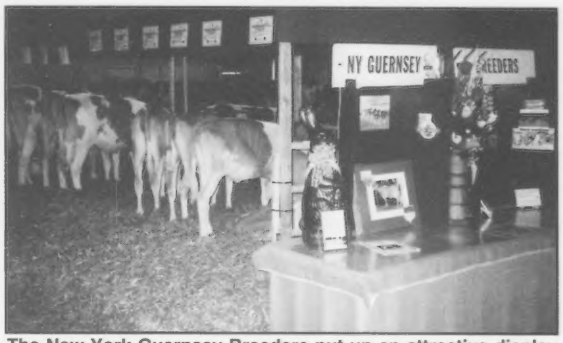


The top seller of the 2006 Kentucky National Sale was Dutch Mills JB Barb for $7,400. Pictured (l-r): John & Bonnie Ayars, buyers; Paul Nicley, consignor; In the box: Seth Johnson, pedigrees; and Lynn Lee, auctioneer.



The second high seller of the 2006 Kentucky National Sale was Fish Creek Icy Cube Precious. Pictured (l-r): Lindsey Smith, buyer; Darlene Moser, consignor. In the box: Seth Johnson, pedigrees; and Lynn Lee, auctioneer.

The high seller of the 2006 New York Spring Sale was Ripley Farms Aaron Nellea, for $2,100. Pictured (l-r): Tom Ripley, consignor and Mark Lloyd, buyer.



The New York Guernsey Breeders put up an attractive display with the sale cattle. Before the sale, they hosted a social hour and served cheese and Golden Guernsey ice cream, made by Chris & Suzanne Holcomb of Saint Johnsville, NY.

Dutch Mills Poker Vonda (02/02) $2,150
Sire: Myown Magic Poker
B: Stuart Berryman, Nicholasville, KY
C: Croshaw & Berryman, Parksville, KY
Knapps T A L Rhian (09/05) $2,050
Sire: Trotacre Al Leluia
B: Emily Smith, Lawrenceburg, KY
C: Randy Knappy & Family, Epworth, IA
Taylors Poker Lightning (10/02) $2,050
Sire: Myown Magic Poker
B: Aaron Stewart, Macomb, MO
C: Rachel Orman, Christiana, TN
Hornback Farm HK Sandy (09/05) $2,000
Sire: Hornback Farm H King
B: Caleb Nicley, Lebanon, IN
C: Barney Hornback, Elizabethtown, KY
Briarcreek Lewis Brianne (01/04) $2,000
Sire: Trotacre Enhancer Lewis-ET
B: Jonathan Hershberger, Millersburg, OH
C: Braswell Dairy, Monroe, NC

NEW YORK SPRING SALE

The New York Spring Carousel was home to the New York Guernsey Sale on April 12 in Syracuse, New York. As part of the New York Spring Protein Breeds Sale, the Guernseys sold second and drew one of the biggest crowd of the night. The 10 lots averaged $1,435.

The high seller was an Aaron Fall Calf, Ripley Farms Aaron Nellea, consigned by Ripley Farms of Cortland, NY. This correct, deep-ribbed calf was purchased by Mark Lloyd of Argyle, NY, for $2,100. The second high seller was a stylish Winter Calf sired by Trotacre Jim Lava, Green Slopes Lava Lucy. She was consigned by Tanner McDonald Walason and purchased by a newcomer to the Guernsey breed - Jacob Darling of Schenevus, NY, for $1,800.

The sale was managed by the New York State Guernsey Breeders with Roland Ripley serving as chairman. The Cattle Exchange assisted with the sale, Dave Rama served as auctioneer, while Merry and Mike Rama clerked the sale. Lynnette Wright also assisted with the clerking, and Denny Ferguson read pedigrees.

Animals bringing more than $1,500:
Ripley Farms Aaron Nellea (09/05) $2,100
Sire: Sniders Option Aaron-ET
B: Mark Lloyd, Argyle, NY
C: Roland Ripley, Cortland, NY
Green Slopes Lava Lucy (12/05) $1,800
Sire: Trotacre Jim Lava
B: Jacob Darling, Schenevus, NY
C: Tanner McDonald Walason, Imler, PA
Ripley Farms Archie Jackie (06/05) $1,700
Sire: Sniders Loral Archie
B: Kyle Bonavita, Meshoppen, PA
C: Kyle Ripley, Moravia, NY
Ripley Farms Sunrise Marcy (04/05) $1,500
Sire: Ripley Farms RC Sunrise
B: Mark Lloyd, Argyle, NY
C: Tom Ripley, Moravia, NY
Green Slopes ESJ Kosmo (12/04) $1,500
Sire: Ripley Farms M Man ESJ
B: Mark Lloyd, Argyle, NY
C: Christopher Fleming, Union Springs, NY

PENNSYLVANIA BLUE HALTER SALE

The 27th Blue Halter Calf Sale was held on April 22 in Bedford, Pennsylvania. A huge crowd from across the country gathered to review the traditionally strong consignments that have become the norm in this sale. The Pennsylvania GBA celebrated their 75th Anniversary in 2006 and had an all-time high average for the sale series to celebrate that evening. 42 lots averaged $2,929.

The Honorable Mention All-American Fall Calf from 2005 sold for a final bid of $10,000, making the third year in a row that this sale has commanded a five-digit price for the sale topper. Lavon Farms Tiller Hemmy was the high seller, going to Gary Estes of Rogersville, Missouri. Out of a VG-87 Royal Oak dam, she sold due to Legacy in October. Lavon Farms of Plano, Texas, consigned the heifer.

Snider Valors Ashlyn-ET brought the second highest price of the day at $7,100. This Four-Year-Old daughter of Cedar Fringed Altann, EX-95, scored EX-90 the week after the sale and made over 20,000M as a two-year-old. She was consigned by Spencer Weimer of Emlenton, Pennsylvania, and purchased by Daniel Frommherz of Springfield, Oregon.

Mike Weimer was the auctioneer with Dave Smith reading pedigrees. Jim and Dave Trotter took bids. Patty and John Marchezak clerked the sale.

Animals bringing more than $2,000:
Lavon Farms Tiller Hemmy (09/04) $10,000
Sire: Trotacre Loral Tiller-ET
B: Gary Estes, Rogersville, MO
C: Lavon Farms, Plano, TX
Sniders Valors Ashlyn-ET (08/02) $7,100
Sire: Tamaracks Perfectos Valiant-ET
B: Daniel Frommherz, Springfield, OR
C: Spencer Weimer, Emlenton, PA
Solid Gold Tiller Applause-ET (03/04) $6,800
Sire: Trotacre Loral Tiller-ET
B: Ripley Farms, Cortland, NY
C: Sarah Weimer, Emlenton, PA
Pine Grove Holiday Cherry (01/05) $5,600
Sire: Rozelyn Glaciers Holiday
B: Frank Buck, Port Deposit, MD
C: Reuben Miller, Sugarcreek, OH
Oakland Rewards Makayla (09/05) $5,300
Sire: Ripley Farms Enhancer Reward-ET
B: Chris & Megan Raber, Creston, OH
C: James Moser, Chicora, PA
Ripley Farms SP Coni Nell-ET (10/05) $4,200
Sire: Jens Gold Regis Z Special-ET
B: Tanner Walason, Imler, PA
C: Dan & Shari Ripley, Cortland, NY
Hi Field Magicman Award (09/03) $4,100
Sire: Four Winds Magicman-ET
B: Robyn Suttle, Orrville, OH
C: Kristy Guyer, Derry, PA
5 Sniders Valor Alure Embryos $4,000
Sire: Trotacre Loral Tiller-ET
B: Daniel Frommherz, Springfield, OR
C: Aaron Gable, New Enterprise, PA
Sniders Bradens Ameka (04/04) $3,700
Sire: Sniders Loral Braden
B: Elsie Wolff & Kevin Stoltzfus, East Earl, PA
C: Aaron Gable, New Enterprise, PA
Working Acres Aarons Aileen (12/05) $3,250
Sire: Sniders Option Aaron-ET
B: Lavon Farms, Plano, TX
C: Harold Work, Mill Run, PA
Moens Loral Sweet Stuff (08/01) $3,200
Sire: Trotacre Mercury Loral-ET
B: Megan Sexton & Tricia Nicely, Parksville, KY

Lavon Farms Tiller Hemmy brought the top price of $10,000 at the 2006 Blue Halter Sale. Pictured l-r: The Lavon Farms crew - Tad Chapman, Todd, Deanna & Madison Moore, and Wayne Paterson; Emily Stuff, leadsperson; Chris Reichard, representing buyer; Jim Trotter, PA GBA; and Katie Skaggs, PA Dairy Princess. In the box, Mike Weimer, auctioneer, and David Smith, pedigrees.

The second high seller of the Blue Halter Sale was Sniders Valor Ashlyn-ET. Pictured l-r: Spencer Weimer, consignor; Chad Yoder, leadsperson; Roland Ripley, contender; and Seth Johnson representing the buyer. In the box: Mike Weimer, auctioneer, and David Smith, pedigrees.

C: Croshaw, Berryman & Miller, Granby, CT
Solid Gold Tiller August (08/04) $3,000
Sire: Trotacre Loral Tiller-ET
B: James Trotter, Enon Valley, PA
C: Spencer Weimer, Emlenton, PA
Dogwood Lane Brants Tina (12/05) $3,000
Sire: Sniders Fayettes Brant
B: Chris & Megan Raber, Creston, OH
C: John Meyers, Worton, MD
Crown Stone Tiller Nabisco (11/03) $3,000
Sire: Trotacre Loral Tiller-ET
B: Darren Forgy, McVeytown, PA
C: Crown Stone Farm, Clear Spring, MD
Village View Roy Rain (06/05) $3,000
Sire: Marodore Enhancer Roy-ET
B: Jim Trotter, Enon Valley, PA
C: Robert Jason Henisee, Mt Joy, PA
WR Meadows Tyler Sonya (09/05) $3,000
Sire: Trotacre Enhancer Tyler-ET
B: Sarah Dixon, New Wilmington, PA
C: Samantha Klingler, Watsontown, PA
Walnut Corner Archie Rae (09/05) $2,900
Sire: Sniders Loral Archie
B: Aaron Gable & Beth Clark, New Paris, PA
C: Walnut Corner Farm, Bismarck, IL
Hi Field Rockwell Amber (03/04) $2,800
Sire: Ripley Farms Option Rockwell-ET
B: Daniel St. Pierre, Berwick, ME
C: Amy Guyer, Derry, PA
Paradise Acres Gambit Lamby (05/04) $2,800
Sire: Dix Lee Amen Gambit
B: James Buck, Port Deposit, MD
C: Mark Pifer, Reynoldsville, PA
MCB Royal Oak Lucky Stuff (07/03) $2,700
Sire: Jensgolden Prokino Royal Oak
B: Victoria Ansell, Scottdale, PA
C: Croshaw, Berryman & Miller, Granby, CT
Hi Field Major Roxy (06/05) $2,700
Sire: Jens Gold Option Major
B: P. Morey Miller, Granby, CT
C: Herbert Guyer, Derry, PA
Dogwood Lane Rex Monty (06/05) $2,700
Sire: Dogwood Lane Rubys Rex
B: Sabrina Dixon, New Wilmington, PA
C: John Meyers, Worton, MD
Walnut Lane Dividend Ellery (04/05) $2,600
Sire: Old Homestead Dividend
B: Chelsea Suttle, Orrville, OH
C: Rodney, Darlene & Emily Stuff, Mercersburg, PA
Crown Stone Major Papaya (05/05) $2,500
Sire: Jens Gold Option Major
B: Jamie Trotter, Enon valley, PA
C: Crown Stone Farm, Clear Spring, PA
MCB Royal Lotsa Stuff (09/05) $2,500
Sire: Aldens Valiant Royal-ET
B: Krista Richardson, Wapakoneta, OH
C: Croshaw, Berryman & Miller, Granby, CT
Hickman Valleys Lewis Amono (12/05) $2,500
Sire: Trotacre Enhancer Lewis-ET
B: Cole Suttle, Orrville, OH
C: Makayla Hickman, Shelbyville, TN
Cloverland Banger Lacy (06/05) $2,300
Sire: My Day Bliss Banger-ET
B: Nells Glow Dairy, Hilmar, CA
C: Tom Walker, Meyersdale, PA
Rod Ken Dividend Cinnamon (10/04) $2,300
Sire: Old Homestead Dividend
B: James Reed, Slippery Rock, PA
C: Shawn Zimmerman, Chambersburg, PA
Sniders Lorry Anson (12/05) $2,300
Sire: Trotacre Mercury Lorry-ET
B: Lavon Farms, Plano, TX
C: Snider Homestead, New Enterprise, PA
Dogwood Lane Brants Liza (01/06) $2,200
Sire: Sniders Fayettes Brant
B: Jeffrey Thurston, Auburn, NY
C: John Myers, Worton, MD

UPPER MID-WEST SALE

A large crowd gathered in West Salem, Wisconsin, for the Upper Mid-West Spring Sale on April 29, 2006. Traditionally, this sale has focused on providing bred heifers and cows for herd replacements. This year's edition was no different and, with 98 head cataloged, the sale promised to provide an excellent opportunity to find exactly what a buyer needed. 79 full lots of Registered Guernseys averaged $1,933. Eight embryos sold in two lots averaged $356 each and one newborn calf sold for $750.

15 open heifers averaged $1,460, 33 bred heifers averaged $2,021 and 31 cows averaged $2,023.

Cattle sold to eleven states including: Wisconsin, South Dakota, Pennsylvania, Oregon, Ohio, Missouri, Minnesota, Kansas, Illinois, Iowa and California.

Topping the sale at $3,100 was a extra fancy September calf with a deep pedigree. Rollandia Banger Trina was consigned by Harry and Marge Swyers and Family of Amery, Wisconsin. She is sired by My Day Bliss Banger-ET and out of a VG-80 Ronald daughter that is backed by six VG or EX dams. Nells Glow Dairy of Hilmar, California, purchased her.

The 2006 Wisconsin Guernsey Princess, Sandra Kirchner of Clintonville, Wisconsin, purchased the second high seller of the day for $2,700. Goldprint Luxury Eliza is a Luxury daughter born in July 2004 and due to Banger in September. She is out of a Logic, then a VG Bossman, then a VG-88 Reserve All-American sired by Perfecto.

She was consigned by Olivia, Kelsey and Ashley Bridges and Sarah Wylie of Shelby, North Carolina.

The sale was managed by GMS, Wisconsin GBA and Minnesota GBA. Stanley Chupp called the sale while Dale Chupp, Chris Skaar and Vic Voigt took bids. Nicki and Cheryl Tyrrell clerked the sale. Jason Robinson, Erica Davis, David Croshaw, Josh Arp and Craig Martin prepared the cattle.

The Upper Mid-West Sale was topped by Rollandia Banger Trina. Pictured l-r: Seth Johnson, representing buyer; Sam & Marge Swyers, consignors; Ashley Terpstra, lead-sperson, Sandra Kirchner, WI Guernsey Princess, Tracy Nelson, Minnesota Guernsey Princess

Animals selling for over $2,000

Rollandia Banger Trina (09/05) $3,100
Sire: My Day Bliss Banger-ET
B: Nells Glow Dairy, Hilmar, CA
C: Rollandia Guernseys, Amery, WI

Goldprint Luxury Eliza (07/04) $2,700
Sire: Trotacre Jay Mr Luxury-ET
B: Sandra Kirchner, Clintonville, WI
C: Bridges & Wylie, Shelby, NC

Balsam Grove Sadie (06/04) $2,600
Sire: Twin L Farms Magic Fortress-ET
B: Sid Patey, Reeseville, WI
C: Alan Overland, Sturgeon Lake, WI

Adams Creek Tyler Sara (07/04) $2,600
Sire: Trotacre Enhancer Tyler-ET
B: John Fendrick, Germantown, MD
C: Steve & Debbie Nuttleman, Bangor, WI

Dutch Mills GF Jane (02/03) $2,600
Sire: OCS Dairy Goldfoot
B: Jim & Laura Orth, Winona, MN
C: Croshaw & Berryman, Parksville, KY

Sylvin Farm Michaels Amber (04/02) $2,600
Sire: Sherma Mercury Ellas Michael
B: Hoard's Dairyman Farm, Ft. Atkinson, WI
C: Calvin Stark, Lake Mills, WI

Terphill Visa Lotus-ET (03/04) $2,550
Sire: Lantz Farm Sentry Visa
B: Matt Brahmer, Spring Valley, WI
C: Kurt Peterson, Cashton, WI

Idle Neer Poker Joker (10/03) $2,500
Sire: Myown Magic Poker
B: Jim Bollech, Athens, WI
C: Don Sywassink, Letts, IA

Goldprint Masterpiece Maggie (04/04) $2,500
Sire: Marfred Masterpiece
B: Carl Hendrickson, Beldenville, WI
C: Sarah Wylie, Linwood, NC

Rollandia Liberty Chacha (03/02) $2,500
Sire: Shangri La Liberty
B: Jessica Eilers, Scotch Grove, IA
C: Mike Wright, Mondovi, WI

Sylvin Farm Glacier Pam (06/03) $2,450
Sire: Rozelyn Patmar Jay Glacier-ET
B: Stuart Plucker, Chancellor, SD
C: Calvin Stark, Lake Mills, WI

GT- Bo Ka Penny (01/04) $2,400
Sire: Purebred Guernsey Sire
B: Jim Williams, Kansas City, MO
C: Robert & Karen Jehn, Marathon, WI

Ames Patton Donna (08/02) $2,400
Sire: Nells Glow Enhancer Patton
B: Chad Winke & Family, Waukon, IA
C: Mike Wright, Mondovi, WI

Mt Zions R Alexis (04/04) $2,350
Sire: Twin L Farms Magic Fortress-ET
B: Kevin & Adam Frankenbach, Hannibol, MO
C: Jon Lantz, Ellsworth, WI

Clausing Royal Roxanne (07/04) $2,350
Sire: Ripley Farms R Oak Royalty-ET
B: Richard Laska & Family, Winona, MN
C: Jon Lantz, Ellsworth, WI

Hidnn Valley Enhancer Xuxes (03/04) $2,300
Sire: Royal Acres Enhancer JB
B: Brian Fuller, McPherson, KS
C: Dennis Iverson, Plum City, WI

GT-Bo Ka Pamela (01/04) $2,300
Sire: Purebred Guernsey Sire
B: Troy & Heather Opdahl, Hayti, SD
C: Robert & Karen Jehn, Marathon, WI

Jandon Silverado Dana-Twin (09/03) $2,250
Sire: Coulee Crest R O Silverado-ET
B: Troy & Heather Opdahl, Hayti, SD
C: Jon Lantz, Ellsworth, WI

Idle Neer Maxie Belinda (02/04) $2,250
Sire: Marfred Maxie-ET
B: Rodney Rash, Richmond, MO
C: Don Sywassink, Letts, IA

Wrightstock Bubba Myra (08/02) $2,250
Sire: Villnow Fancy Bubba
B: Jessica Eilers, Scotch Grove, IA
C: Mike Wright, Mondovi, WI

Wrightstock P King Nance (06/02) $2,200
Sire: Hilldale P King-ET
B: Hoard's Dairyman Farm, Ft. Atkinson, WI
C: Mike Wright, Mondovi, WI

Sylvin Farm Ham Liz (01/02) $2,200
Sire: Jensgolden Perfect Hamlet-ET
B: Kevin & Adam Frankenbach, Hannibol, MO
C: Calvin Stark, Lake Mills, WI

Balsam Grove Sophie (06/04) $2,150
Sire: Trotacre Enhancer Lewis-ET
B: Sid Patey, Reeseville, WI
C: Alan Overland, Sturgeon Lake, MN

Pine Drive Vilter Donut (03/04) $2,150
Sire: Lantz Farm Enhancer Vilter-ET
B: Sid Patey, Reeseville, WI
C: Gene Cross, Sherburn, MN

Goldprint Luxury Alice (05/04) $2,150
Sire: Trotacre Jay MR Luxury-ET
B: Troy & Heather Opdahl, Hayti, SD
C: Carrie & Sarah Wylie, Linwood, NC

Hedge Grove Legacy Rochelle (06/04) $2,100
Sire: Nedrow Farms Goliath Legacy-Tw
B: John Fendrick, Germantown, MD
C: Greg Jehn, Marathon, WI

Mt Zions R Cinnamon (04/04) $2,100
Sire: Myown Magic Poker
B: Kevin & Adam Frankenbach, Hannibol, MO
C: Jon Lantz, Ellsoworth, WI

GR-Wrightstock Favorite Izzy (01/03) $2,100
Sire: Dutch Mill Leaders Favorite
B: Steve Nuttleman, Bangor, WI
C: Mike Wright, Mondovi, WI

Wrightstock Hickory Josie (03/01) $2,100
Sire: Jensgolden Perfect Hickory-ET
B: Mitchell Rosenfeld, Arlington, MN
C: Mike Wright, Mondovi, WI

PR-Thonpsons Blazer Bonnie (09/03) $2,100
Sire: Wrightstock Magic Blazer
B: Kevin & Adam Frankenbach, Hannibol, MO
C: Dave Thompson, Gilman, WI

Sylvin Farm Mic Jam (09/01) $2,050
Sire: Ripley Farms Saber Mic-ET
B: Hoard's Dairyman Farm, Ft. Atkinson, WI
C: Calvin Stark, Lake Mills, WI

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Obituaries

Mary H. Weaver died Thursday, December 22, 2005. She married Virgil C. Weaver February 18, 1942 and was instrumental in the operation of Villa Crest Farm. Many a Guernsey enthusiast enjoyed a hearty meal at her table after viewing the Villa Crest herd.

She was a member of Yellow Creek Mennonite church where she taught Sunday school.

Her daughters, Julia Kennell, Verda Weaver and Carol Pope and a son, Verl Weaver, five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren survive her. She was preceded in death by her husband Virgil and a son Orlo.

Obie Snider Award Applications Now Accepted

The All-American Dairy Show is now accepting applications for the 2006 Obie Snider Award. The award recognizes an outstanding individual in the dairy industry displaying character, ethics, professionalism, leadership and service.

"The Obie Snider Award was created to recognize the late Obie Snider's vision, leadership and service to the All-American Dairy Show and the industry," said Agriculture Secretary Dennis Wolff. "In life, Obie was a man of great personal integrity, and a fair and steadfast leader. He was definitely a shining star and a driving force behind what has become the world's largest dairy cattle show."

The winner of the 2006 award will be recognized at the 43rd All-American Dairy Show this September. Donald Seipt of Easton, Pa. was the first recipient of the award, and Creedin Cornman of Carlisle, Pa. was the 2005 recipient.

For an application or more information, visit www.allamerican.state.pa.us and click on 'Obie Snider Award' or call 717-787-2905. Completed nomination forms should be mailed to the All-American Dairy Show, Obie Snider Award, 2300 North Cameron Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110-9443. Nominations are due May 26.

AADS Announces Schedule of Events

The All-American Dairy Show—the granddaddy of all national shows—announces its schedule of events, contests and activities. Show week will run from Sept. 16-21, 2006 at the Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg, Pa. Seven national dairy open shows, the Eastern Elite Holstein Sale and the nation's only All-Dairy Antiques and Collectibles Show are just a few of the events being planned. Highlights include:

- 23 Shows in 6 Days
- 2nd Premier National Junior Days
- Eastern Elite Holstein Sale
- All-Dairy Antiques & Collectibles Show
- Unequalled Premiums, Contests and Activities
- $3,000 for Supreme Champion
- Exhibitors from 28 States

Known nationally as the only dairy show to host three days packed full of events, contests, and activities just for junior enthusiasts, the All-American Dairy Show is pleased to announce the return of the Premier National Junior Days. The "Red Carpet" treatment was the talk of the national dairy industry in 2005, since more than 1,000 youth participated. This year's theme,'Celebrate Youth—A Gala of Stars,' signifies the All-American's continued focus on youth. The Premier National Junior Days will be Sept. 17-19, and some of this year's highlights include:

- 7 Junior National-level Dairy Shows
- 38th Invitational Youth Dairy Judging Contest
- 32nd Dairy Judging Forum
- 20th Junior Dairy Management Contest
- 9th Youth Showmanship Contest
- Chance to Win Scholarships and Savings Bonds
- Unmatched Premiums, Gifts and Prizes
- $2,000 for Supreme Champion
- More than 1,000 Participants

The Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex & Expo Center is conveniently located to all major interstate highways with nearby hotels offering special All-American Dairy Show rates. The complex can stall over 6,000 animals and remains the most "exhibitor-friendly" facility with over 24 acres all under one roof. Complimentary first bedding with each entry, 24-hour security and 24-hour milking parlor facilities are among the accommodations dairy enthusiasts will receive. As always, there are no admission or parking fees.

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4-Year-Old (2)

1. Indian Acres Pistachio Pie, Ashley Elise Sears, So. Deerfield, MA

5-Year-Old (1)

1. Ripley Farms R Oak Yolanda, Janelle Grant, Cortland, NY

Aged Cow (3)

1. Sniders Magicman Rainell-ET, Kendy Gable, New Enterprise, PA

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Produce of Dam (2)

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Best Three Females (2)

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Date: February 17, 2006
Location: Tampa, FL
Judge: Rich Hill, Cattaragus, NY
Number Shown: 30

Fall Heifer Calf (1)
1. Seven Oaks Angel, Turnpike Dairy, Okeechobee, FL

Summer Heifer Calf (2)
1. McElmurray Yogi Bear Kalmia, Brett McRae, Wellford, SC

Spring Yearling (4)
1. Lushacres Leo Rita, Thornwell Orphanage, Clinton, SC

Winter Yearling (1)
1. Lushacres Leo Sheri, Thornwell Orphanage, Clinton, SC

Fall Yearling (2)
1. Lushacres Leo Martha, Thornwell Orphanage, Clinton, SC

Summer Jr. 2-Year-Old Not In Milk (2)
1. Lushacres Leo Prissy, Thornwell Orphanage, Clinton, SC

Spring Jr. 2-Year-Old Not In Milk (2)
1. Lushacres Tiller Dell, Thornwell Orphanage, Clinton, SC

Junior Two-Year-Old Cow (4)
1. Howerton Farms Laser Kitt, Brett McRae, Wellford, SC

Senior Two-Year-Old Cow (3)
1. Lushacres Konquest Kayla, Thornwell Orphanage, Clinton, SC

Three-Year-Old Cow (3)
1. Lushacres Squire Sunday, Thornwell Orphanage, Clinton, SC

Four-Year-Old Cow (3)
1. Moens Loral Camrin, Thornwell Orphanage, Clinton, SC

Aged Cow (1)
1. Bonni B Goliath Gracie, Brett McRae, Wellford, SC

Dry Cow (2)
1. Turnpike Poker Cindy, Turnpike Dairy, Okeechobee, FL

Grand Champion
Bonni B Goliath Gracie,
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Dairy Herd (2)
1. Thornwell Orphanage, Clinton, SC

Best Three Female (3)
1. Thornwell Orphanage, Clinton, SC

Produce of Dam (1)
1. Thornwell Orphanage, Clinton, SC

Daughter-Dam (3)
1. Christina McHenry, Plant City, FL

Breeder's Herd (3)
1. Thornwell Orphanage, Clinton, SC

NY SPRING SHOW

Date: April 13, 2006
Location: Syracuse, NY
Judge: Roger Turner, Guelph, ONT
Number Shown: 46

Winter Heifer Calf (4)
1. Tims JJ Brandy, Lackey, Minor Acres & Uber Bros., Harrisville, PA

Fall Heifer Calf (7)
1. Millborne Tiller Blessing-ET, P. Morey Miller, Granby, CT

Summer Yearling Heifer (3)
1. Welcome Silverado Gold, Wayne Foote Jr., Hartford, NY

Spring Yearling Heifer (6)
1. Littlefields Magicman Survivor, Connor Littlefield Sutton, Watertown, NY

Winter Yearling Heifer (4)
1. Akers Magicman Jesse, Nathan Aker, Nelliston, NY

Fall Yearling Heifer (4)
1. Friendship V Tyler, Dick & Judy Whalen, Millbrook, NY

Junior Champion
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Littlefields Magicman Survivor,
Connor Littlefield Sutton, Watertown, NY

Junior Best Three (3)
1. P. Morey Miller, Granby, CT

Dry 3 & 4-Year-Old Cow (1)
1. Fra Hib Malcom Jessie, Wayne Foote Jr., Hartford, NY

Junior 2-Year-Old (1)
1. R Way Tiller Liz, P. Morey Miller, Granby, CT

Senior 2-Year-Old (5)
1. Grassland Tiller Memory, Robert Paine, Salisbury, CT

Junior 3-Year-Old (3)
1. Millborne Tiller Hannah, P. Morey Miller, Granby, CT

Senior 3-Year-Old (2)
1. Littlefields Dollar Sandler, Elizabeth Little-

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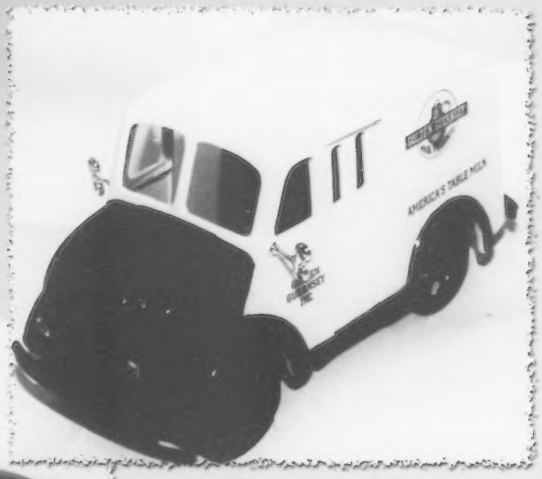

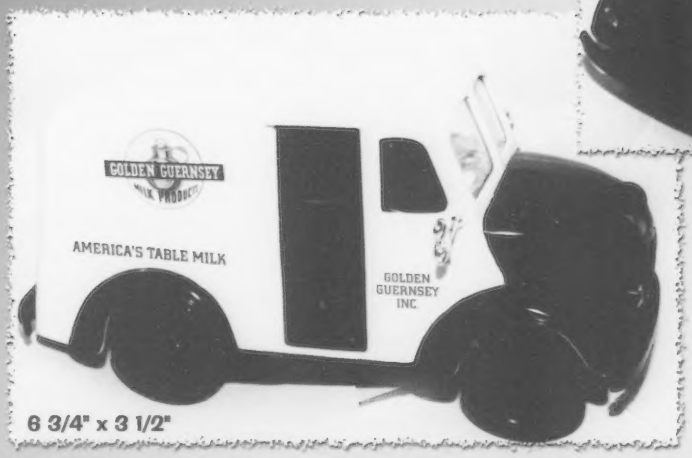

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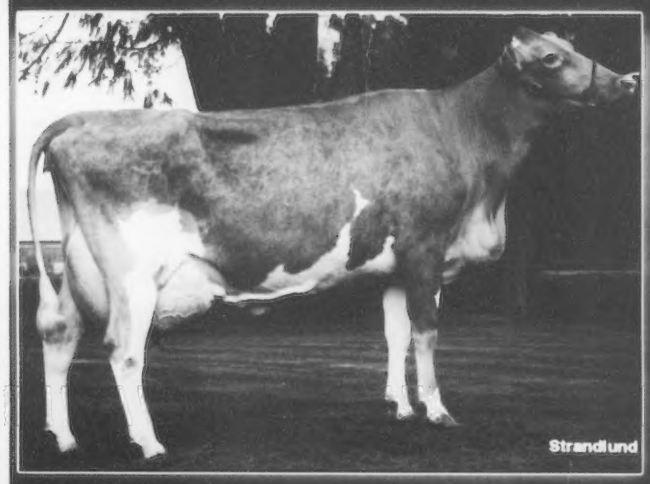

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4-11 365D 31,150M 5.0% 1,565F 3.6% 1,108P
6-04 365D 24,820M 5.0% 1,252F 3.7% 914P
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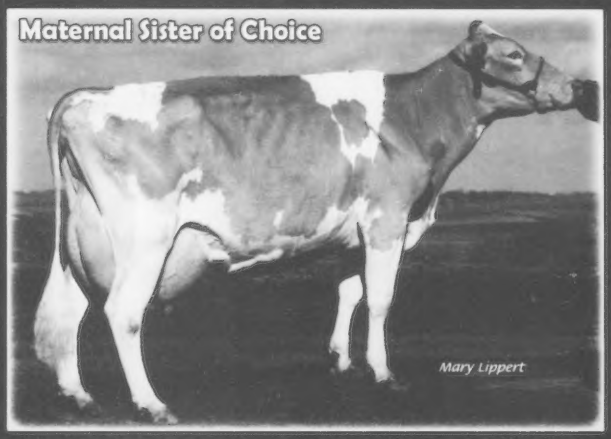

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2-00 324D 3X 25,100M 4.0% 1,001F 3.0% 757P
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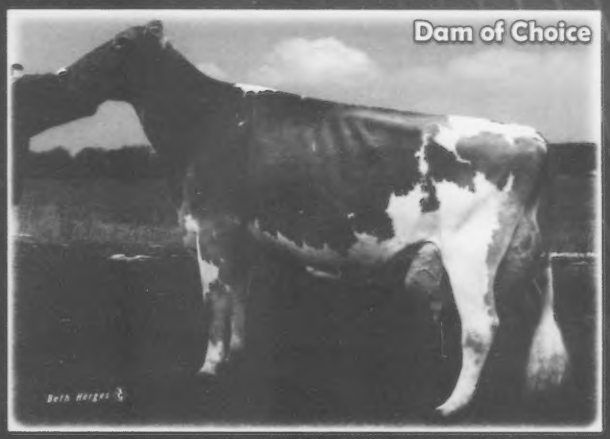

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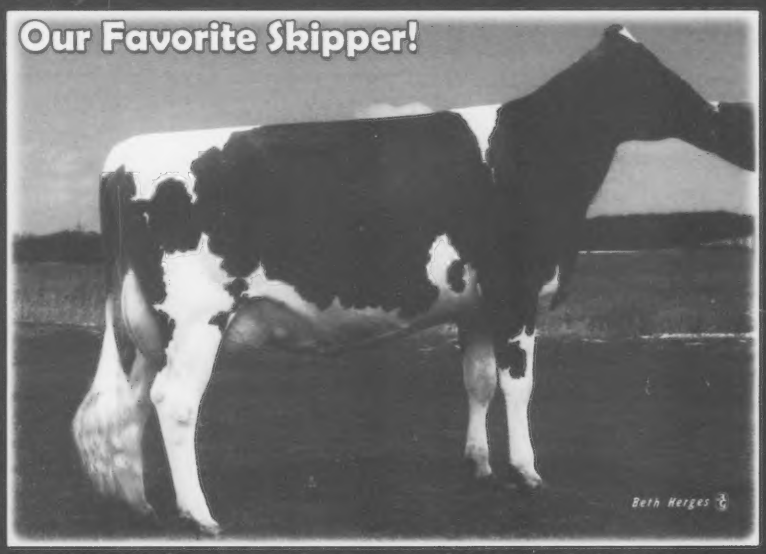
3-09 365D 2X 23,293M 4.1% 950F 3.6% 835P
2nd Dam: GR-Crick Ridge Ables Gerilen, VG-88



Coulee Crest Skipper Jewel, VG-87 @ 2-06
1-11 295D 3X 18,778M 4.6% 864F 3.0% 572 rip
305D proj. 19,308M 888F 591P

We have two more Skippers, both making over 19,000M and scored VG-83!

We are excited about people's success with Skipper & Spider, #1 & #3 on the Active List!

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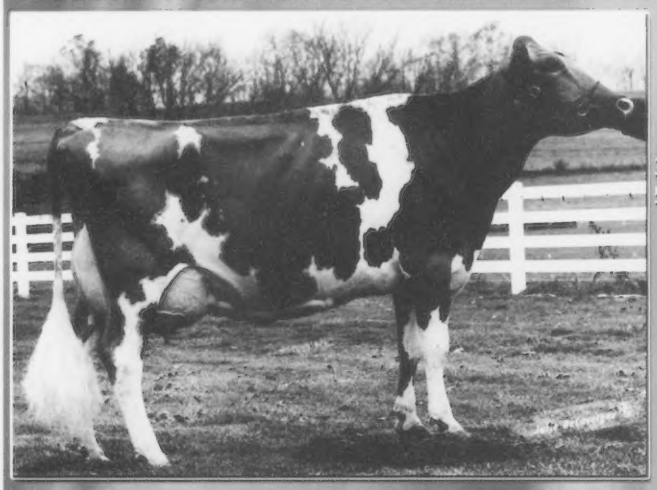
Icy's Glacier Sells!

Icy's July '05 Glacier daughter sells in the National Convention Sale!

Dtr's PA: +739M +0.14% +56F +0.06% +34P +358CM$ +336NM$ PTAT+1.0 CPI+188



Lantz Farm Tiller ICY, EX-91

The *TOTAL* Package

3-03 365D 39,160M 5.4% 2,117F 3.5% 1,387P
5-00 365D 30,390M 5.0% 1,528F 3.3% 992P
LTD: 103,570M 5.3% 5,467F 3.5% 3,582P

1st Jr. 3 NGS-Louisville | AA Jr. 3-Year-Old '02

#4 on February '06 CPI List

Icy has two JB daughters fresh, both are milking in the 80's and have super good udders!

Spring Walk Farm

Bill, Bev and Kurt Wachtel
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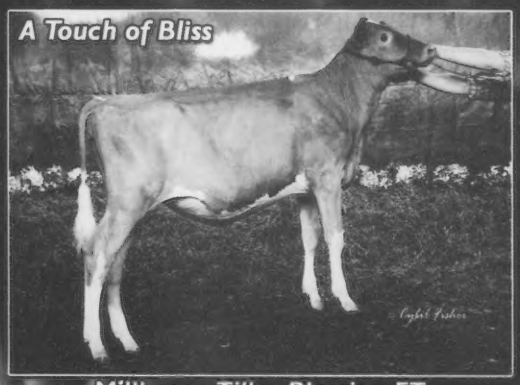
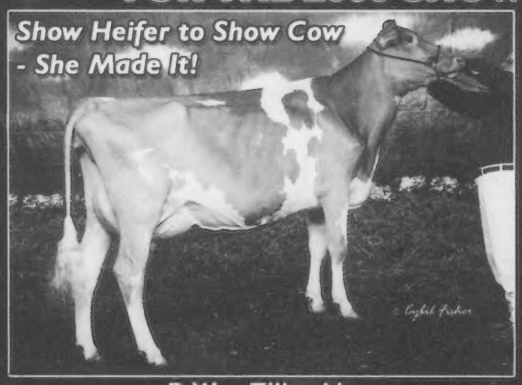
The Curtain Opens at the NY Spring Carousel
FOR THE 2006 SHOWS



Millborne Tiller Blessing-ET
1st Fall Calf NY Spring Show
Marked and made similiar to her granddam's (Bliss) fall calf picture. Her full sister, Millborne Tiller Blair-ET was second Summer Yearling, born 8/15/05. They are Tillers from Blitzen, out of Bliss. Next dam is Biddy, EX-94.



R Way Tiller Liz
All-American Jr. Yearling '05
Liz was fresh just under four weeks at the NY Spring Show and at the time of this picture. She was 1st Jr. 2-Year-Old and mentioned as a Honorable Mention Grand Champion. Liz milked 68 pounds on her first test, two weeks fresh.

Congratulations to my two closest Guernsey neighbors on their champions who are big-time cows:
Ashley & Carrie Sears, MA - Grand Champion and Grassland Farm, CT - Reserve Grand Champion

Our entire show string was sired by Tiller. Other placings were: Millborne Tiller Hannah - 1st Jr. 3-Year-Old -Res. All-American Jr. 2-Year-Old '05; MCB Tiller Tuf Stuff - 3rd Spring Yearling; 1st Jr. Best Three Females. We now have 15 daughters of Tiller - 3 milking and one milked 103 pounds as a 2-year-old!

Millborne Farms

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Gert & Arda Schut - Shoreham, VT | 802.897.2737

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June 10 - Pinecrest Acres Complete Dispersal, Rice Lake, WI
June 22- National Convention Sale, Indianapolis, IN
October 5 - International Guernsey Classic Sale, Madison, WI
October 28 - Fall For Color Sale, Cross Plains, WI

Shows

July 24 - Wisconsin State Show, Marshfield, WI
August 18 - 50th Ohio Guernsey Futurity, Columbus, OH

Appraisal Schedule

June - CA, NV, TX, OK
July - KY, TN, IL, IN
August - OH, MI, CO, WY, MT
September - WI

An Alluring Prospect...

5 Tiller x Alure Embryos Sell in the National Sale!

SNIDERS VALORS ALURE-ET, VG-86
3-00 305D 20,261M 5.1% 1,033F 3.6% 762P proj.
Alure's Dam: Cedar Fringed Altann, EX-95
Three-Time National Champion
6-04 365D 31,150M 4.8% 1,486F 3.0% 941P

Get in on the latest branch of this illustrious cow family!

Snider Homestead

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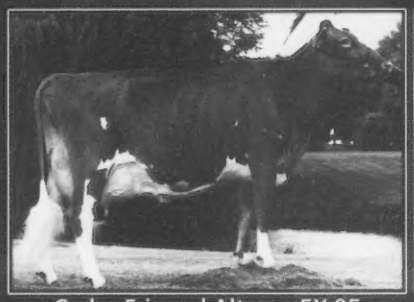
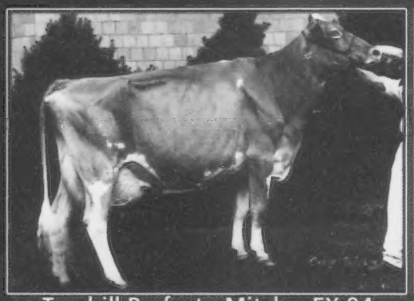
Only The Best



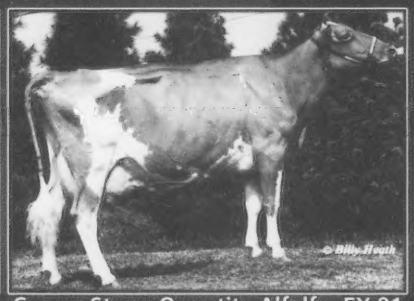
Cedar Fringed Altann, EX-95
Altann needs no introduction. Tiller embryos out of her VG-86 Valor daughter sell! *Snider Homestead, PA*

Maplehurst Golden Bess, VG-89
Her Full Sister Sells! Bess was Grand Champion of the Canadian National Show in '04 & '05. *City Slickers, WI*

Moens Loral Hot Stuff, EX-91
A Tiller sells from her VG-85 Valiant dtr. Hot Stuff was 2X All-American! *Miller, Berryman & Croshaw, CT*



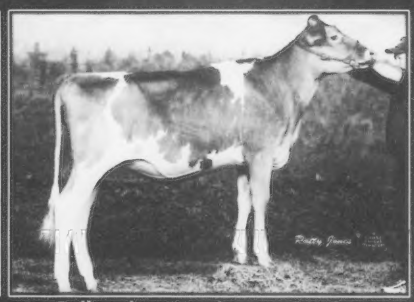
Terphill Perfecto Mitzby, EX-94
Her Magicman granddaughter from an EX-90 Sharp sells! *Croshaw & Berryman, KY*
An Option from her VG Logic daughter sells. *Richard Terpstra, WI*



Crown Stone Quantity Alfalfa, EX-91
A Yogibear sells from a VG-86 Decision w/950F. Next Dam is VG-88, then Alfalfa. *Kevin Anderson, MN*

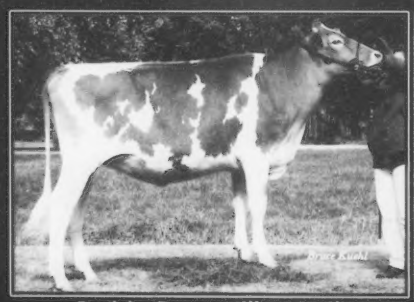
Villa Crest Fames Venture
From the home of the most admired heifer on the tanbark in 2005 comes a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity - take your pick from the *Villa Crest* Herd. WOW!

Low Brook Goldfoot Conny EX-90
Her Regis Z Special sells. Conny has 1,100F and 3 young VG daughters. *Ripley Farms, NY*

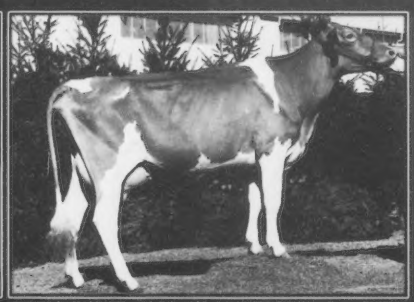


Callumlea Magicman Justine
The All-American Justine's tanbark ready calf sells. *Ayars & Manion, OH*

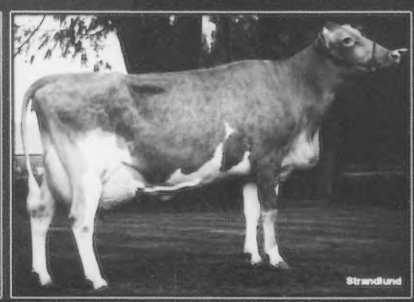
Idle Gold Royal Contessa, VG-88
Iceberg embryos sell backed by 3 gen. of VG or EX and 1,000F! *Neil Jensen, WI*



Prairie Cream Tiller April
A full sister sells to this '05 Jr. AA nominee. They are backed by an EX-90 Glacier. *Lakey & Pralle, WI*



Valley Set Val Mandy, VG-87
Mandy's Tiller calf sells! Mandy was Res. Jr. All-American Jr. 2 and has over 950F! *Dr. John Mozier, KS*



Rozelyn Enhancer Judith, EX-90
Challenge embryos sell from this 3rd-generation EX all 3 dams have over 1,400F! Rozelyn Farm, WA

Genetics to Get You In Victory Lane

June 26 | 1:00 p.m. | Holiday Inn North | Indianapolis, IN

Lantz Farm Tillers Icy, EX-91
Icy's Glacier daughter sells! #1 CPI & All-American in one package! *Spring Walk Farm, OH*

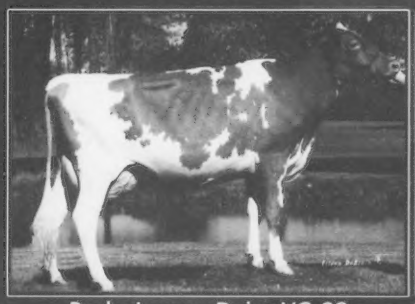
Chupps Farm Goldstar Dazzle, EX-94
Embryos sell from this National Champion and her dam! *Chupps, OK*

Westlynn Tom Dee, EX-96
A RO Jesus from Tom Dee's EX-90 Bossman granddaughter sells. Granddam is a VG-88 Enhancer. *Jim Hammerand, IA*

Lavon Farms Valiant Royal, EX-91
Completes three generations with AA accolades going back to Queenella herself. Royalty embryos sell. *Lavon Farms, TX*

Sniders Sharp Daze, EX-91
Royalty embryos sell from this 3rd generation EX! *Brandon Grewe, WI*

Flambeau Manor G Lauren, EX-91
Challenge embryos sell from this fan favorite as well as Neons from the 42,000M Lark! *Flambeau Manor, WI*



Pecks Luxury Daisy VG-88
A fresh Roy sells from Daisy, an AA and Jr. AA nominee. *Katie Boesche, IL*

Misty Meadow Perfecto Icecube, EX-93
Spider embryos sell from this AA nominee with 1,100F! *Randy Peterson, WI*

Wesgray Lorry Kipper, EX-90
Challenge embryos sell from her VG Valiant daughter. CPI Central! *Darrel Clark, WI*

Maplehurst B B Biddy
HM AA Jr. 3 in '99, a full sister sells! They are backed by Frank Blythe, then Biddy herself! *Chupp & Lantz, OK*

Ivera Billys Rosa, EX-90
Rosa's special Tiller sells backed by six Very Good dams. *Dr. John Mozier, KS*

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Embryos to the Convention Sale

Check out the deep pedigrees on these cows!

Our First 40,000M Cow...

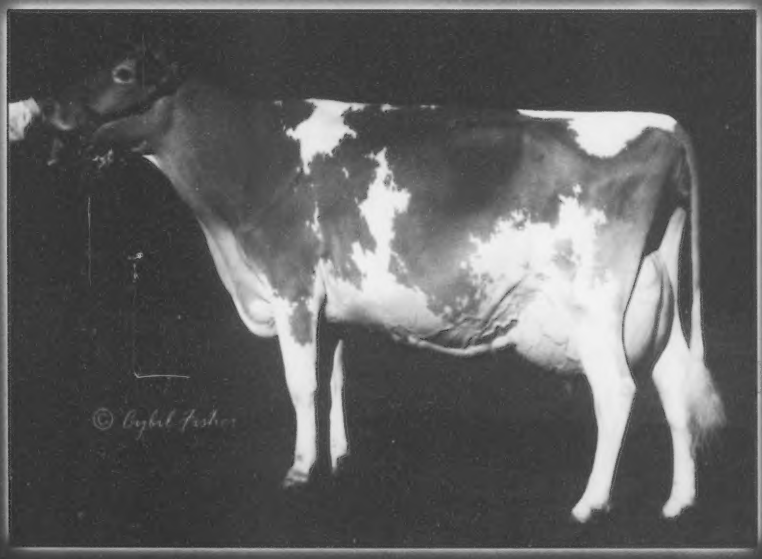
Flambeau Manor HS Lark, VG-88
2-05 312D 22,469M 4.0% 896F 3.2% 728P
3-05 365D 35,229M 4.2% 1,497F 3.3% 1,162P
4-10 365D 42,279M 4.5% 1,903F 3.0% 1,281P
Two sons being sampled

Selling in National Convention Sale:
Five #1 Stage 4 Embryos by Neon

Dam: Flambeau Manor G Lilac, EX-91
5-01 365D 26,301M 4.3% 1,126F 3.4% 882P

G'Dam: Flambeau Manor T Linda, VG-88

The Prettiest Face in the Barn...



Flambeau Manor G Lauren, EX-91
2-03 310D 14,720M 4.7% 695F 3.2% 473P
3-03 365D 22,609M 4.8% 1,078F 3.4% 776P
4-06 365D 26,238M 5.1% 1,335F 3.5% 909P
5-11 365D 25,470M 5.2% 1,334F 3.3% 843P
Son being sampled in the U.K.

Selling in National Convention Sale:
Five #1 Stage 4 Embryos by Challenge

Lauren maternal sisters:
Flambeau Manor Trumpet Lynn, EX-91
4-04 365D 27,923M 5.0% 1,394F 3.3% 911P
Flambeau Manor Logic Lolita, EX-90
4-07 365D 25,450M 4.1% 1.043F 3.4% 865P

Lauren's First Milking Daughters:
Flambeau Manor HS Lotty, EX-90
3-06 365D 24,151M 5.0% 1,212F 3.5% 842P
Flambeau Manor Lorry Loretta, VG-87
2-11 305D 21,200M 4.4% 922F 3.1% 650P *(2nd calf)*

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